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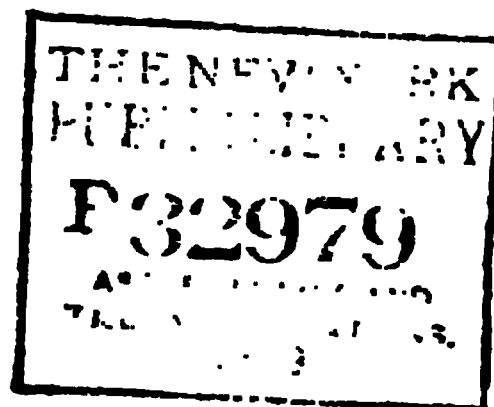




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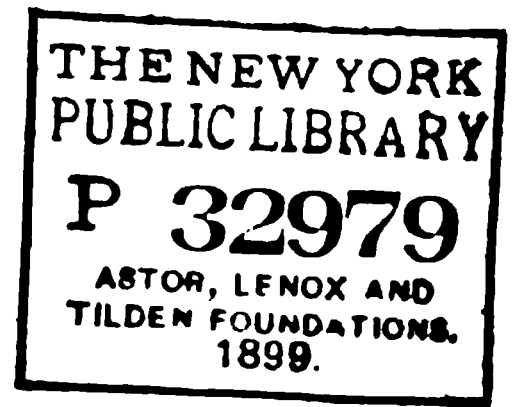
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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 5, A. D. 1880.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-seventh Annual Council of the Diocese of Florida, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. John's Church at 10.30 A. M. Morning Prayer and the Litany were said by the Rev. LYMAN PHELPS and the Rev. H. B. S. MARTIN. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. S. WILLIAMS, after which the Bishop proceeded with the service of the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D.D.

The services being ended, the Clergy and Deputies retired to the Sunday School room, where the Council was called to order by the Bishop, who furnished the Secretary with the following

LIST OF CLERGY

ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE COUNCIL :

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D.D., L.L.D.,
 The Rev. O. P. THACKARA,
 The Rev. R. H. WELLER,
 The Rev. E. W. MEANY,
 The Rev. ELEAZER ROOTE,
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 The Rev. H. B. S. MARTIN,
 The Rev. C. S. WILLIAMS,
 The Rev. J. B. BAEZ.

NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS.

The Rev. FRANK B. GILBERT,
The Rev. OLIVER TAYLOR.

DEACONS.

The Rev. C. S. SNOWDEN,
The Rev. C. E. McDUGAL.

Of these, there were found to be present, on calling the roll :

The Rev. J. J. Scott, D.D., L.L.D., Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola.

The Rev. R. H. Weller, Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. Lyman Phelps, Missionary in Orange county.

The Rev. W. H. Carter, D.D., L.L.D., Ph. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

The Rev. H. B. S. Martin, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Palatka.

The Rev. C. S. Williams, Missionary at Crescent City and San Mateo.

The Rev. Oliver Taylor, Missionary at Orange Park.

The Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary at Lake City and Marguerita.

The Rev. Messrs. Phelps, Williams, and Snowden were appointed a Committee on Credentials of Lay Deputies, who reported, as duly elected and entitled to seats, the following :

From St. Paul's Church, Key West—Messrs. W. G. Cash, Jno. Low, Jr., E. B. Ransom.

From St. John's Church, Tallahassee—Messrs. J. H. Randolph, M. D., R. Walker, A. B. Hawkins, M. D., W. O. Ames.

From St. John's Church, Jacksonville—Messrs. A. S.

Baldwin, M. D., J. J. Daniel, D. G. Ambler, A. D. Bassnett.

From Christ Church, Pensacola—Messrs. W. E. Anderson, C. C. Yonge, Sr., E. A. Perry, A. E. Maxwell.

From St. Peter's Church, Fernandina—Messrs. S. A. Swann, H. E. Dotterer, Jno. Hodges, C. V. Hillyer.

From Trinity Church, Gainesville—Messrs. N. D. Phillips, C. L. Churchill, W. W. Hampton.

From St. James' Church, Lake City—Mr. J. G. Thornton.

From Trinity Church, St. Augustine—Messrs. George Burt, Dr. Alba.

From St. Mark's Church, Palatka—Messrs. G. E. Hawes, M. D., James Burt.

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

From Mission of the Holy Cross, Sanford—Mr. J. E. Ingraham.

From Mission of the Holy Comforter, Crescent City—Mr. Wm. Conard.

From St. Matthew's Mission, San Mateo—Mr. W. B. DeWitt, M. D.

From Grace Mission, Orange Park—Mr. J. T. Copeland.

From Mission of the Holy Cross, Marguerita—Mr. B. H. Gurganus.

From St. Mary's Mission, Marguerita—Mr. George E. Abbott.

From Christ Church Mission, Longwood—Mr. Fred. E. Rand.

Of these, the following answered to their names :

Mr. R. Walker, Tallahassee.

Messrs. A. S. Baldwin, M. D. and J. J. Daniel, Jacksonville.

Mr. J. G. Thornton, Lake City.

Mr. Wm. Conard, Crescent City.

Mr. J. T. Copeland, Orange Park.

Whereupon, the Bishop declared a quorum present, and the Council ready for business.

The Council went into the election of a Secretary; the Rev. C. S. Snowden and Mr. J. G. Thornton being appointed tellers, who announced, as the result of the ballot, that the Rev. R. H. Weller was elected.

RESOLVED, That the reading by the Clergy of the Reports from their Parishes and Missions, and remarks upon the condition of their work, be the order of business at the evening sessions of this Council, beginning with to-morrow.

On motion, the Rev. Oliver Taylor, Missionary at Orange Park, be admitted to a seat and participation in the proceedings of this Council.

Adjourned till after Evening Prayer in the Church, at 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment, after Evening Prayer. The Bishop being absent, the Rev. Dr. Scott took the chair. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Rev. E. W. Meany appeared and took his seat. Mr. H. E. Dotterer, of St. Peter's Church, Fernandina, and Mr. J. E. Ingraham, of the Mission of the Holy Cross, Sanford, appeared and took their seats.

The Standing Committee presented their report, which was laid on the table subject to call of the Council.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

MAY 15.—The Committee met, and organized by the election of the Rev. O. P. Thackara, President, and the Rev. R. H. Weller, Secretary.

A communication was received from the Bishop requesting the Standing Committee, on account of his feeble health, to assume the administration of the Diocese until December 1st, proximo.

JUNE 25.—The Committee, acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, received the canonical notice from Rev. H. B. S. Martin, that he had accepted the Rectorship of St. Mark's Church, Palatka.

Received notice from the Secretary of the Board of Missions, that the amount appropriated to Florida for the year 1879, was \$1,500, which was distributed as follows :

The Rev. O. P. Thackara,	\$200.00
The Rev. W. H. Carter, D.D.	200.00
The Rev. Lyman Phelps,	200.00
The Rev. C. S. Williams,	200.00
The Rev. W. B. Huson,	200.00
The Rev. J. B. Baez,	200.00
The Rev. E. W. Meany,	100.00
Mission on Transit Railroad,	200.00
Total,	\$1,500.00

The distribution being made by the Bishop. Consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. Samuel S. Harris, D.D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan.

The Congregation at Zellwood, Orange County, was organized under the title of St. James Mission.

The Rev. C. A. Gilbert was requested to look after the interests of the Church at Tampa and Manatee, and report.

Appropriation for Diocesan Missions for the quarter ending July 1st, was made as follows :

The Rev. C. E. McDougal, Milton,	\$40.00
The Rev. C. S. Williams, Crescent City,	50.00
The Rev. W. B. Huson, Marianna,	50.00
The Rev. W. H. Carter, D.D., Indian River,	75.00
The Rev. J. B. Baez, Key West,	40.00
The Rev. C. S. Snowden, Florida Central R. R.,	40.00
Total,	\$295.00

SEPTEMBER 5.—It was

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of the Diocese pay over to the Bishop,

at their face value, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) of the Jefferson County bonds, in his possession.

RESOLVED, That the above use of these bonds is a loan to the Diocese from the permanent fund, to meet a pressing emergency, and is to be repaid from the Diocesan assessments now due and to become due.

SEPTEMBER 30.—The President was directed to collect information as to all the Missionary work in the Diocese, and report to the Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Meany was nominated to the General Board of Missions as Missionary on the Transit Railroad, at a stipend of \$200.

Appropriations to the Diocesan Missionaries for the quarter ending September 30, were made as follows :

The Rev. W. B. Huson,	\$50.00
The Rev. J. B. Baez,	75.00
The Rev. C. S. Snowden,	40.00
The Rev. C. E. McDougal,	40.00
The Rev. C. S. Williams,	50.00
Total,	<u>\$255.00</u>

OCTOBER 1.—The Treasurer was directed to pay over to the Bishop \$1,000 in Madison County bonds, in settlement of his salary to October 1st, 1879.

NOVEMBER 26.—The Committee gave canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Starkey as Bishop of Northern New Jersey.

Recommended the Rev. C. E. McDougal (Deacon) to the Bishop for Priest's Orders.

Albin W. Knight was recommended to the Bishop to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders.

DECEMBER 30.—Consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. J. H. Galleher, D.D., as Bishop of Louisiana.

The appropriation to the Diocesan Missions for the quarter ending December 30, 1879, was made as follows :

The Rev. F. B. Gilbert,	\$50.00
The Rev. J. B. Baez,	75.00
The Rev. C. S. Snowden,	40.00
The Rev. C. E. McDougal,	40.00
The Rev. C. S. Williams,	50.00
Total,	<u>\$225.00</u>

JULY 7.—The Committee recommended Reginold Heber Weller, Jr., to the Bishop for ordination to the Diaconate.
Respectfully submitted.

R. H. WELLER, Secretary.

Adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, May 6, 1880.

The Council was called to order by the Bishop at 9 o'clock A. M.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. C. P. Rodifer, of Christ Church, Monticello, appeared and took his seat; also the following Laymen, in addition to those present yesterday: Messrs. D. G. Ambler, of St. John's Church, Jacksonville; A. B. Hawkins, M. D., W. O. Ames, and J. H. Randolph, M. D., of St. John's Church, Tallahassee; C. V. Hillyer, of St. Peter's Church, Fernandina; W. W. Hampton, of Trinity Church, Gainesville, and R. S. Schuyler, of St. John's Mission, Santa Fe.

The Committee appointed at the last Council on the "Incorporation of the Diocese," and "Uniformity in Articles of Association," presented their report, which, on motion, was received, and that portion of the report which refers to Incorporation of the Diocese, was laid on the table until after Divine service, and the portion which refers to amendment of Canons, was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Bishop read his address, (See Appendix A,) which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

A memorial was presented by the Secretary, from the Officers of the University of the South, which was referred

to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Scott and Messrs. R. Walker and J. J. Daniel.

The Rev. Dr. Carter gave notice of a proposed amendment to Canon XV.

The Treasurer presented and read his report, (see Appendix B,) when it was

RESOLVED, That so much of the Treasurer's Report as refers to the use made by the Standing Committee of the Jefferson and Madison County Bonds, be referred to a special committee of three, and the entire report be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Bishop appointed the following as the above committee: Messrs. R. Walker, C. V. Hillyer, and Rev. E. W. Meany.

The Rev. Mr. Martin gave notice of a proposed amendment to Canon XVII.

The Rev. Dr. Carter gave notice of a proposed amendment to Canon XIX.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

The Committee find on page 19, of the Journal of 1879, that the special committee on the "Religious Instruction of the Colored People," asked further time, which was granted. Committee—Revs. Messrs. Thackara, E. W. Meany, and J. J. Daniel. On page 22 of the Journal of 1879, a special committee of two Clergymen and three Laymen was appointed to report at the present Council, some plan by which the services of the Laity, in extending the work of the Church, may be available. The committee consists of the Rev. Messrs. Meany and Carter, and Messrs. Daniel, Dotterer, and Smith Simkins. Respectfully submitted.

C. S. SNOWDEN,
C. V. HILLYER.

This being the festival of the Ascension of our Lord, the Council took a recess at 10.30 o'clock until after the Divine service.

Council re-assembled after Divine service. The Secretary presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.

The Diocesan Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary in Florida, respectfully reports, that its work in the past year has been much more pleasant and encouraging than in the previous one, when the low ebb in general results cast a cloud over the workers; but by a firm faith that it was the Master's own work, and therefore could not fail, they discerned even then the silver lining.

Now they feel humbly thankful to note the improvement, both in the actual amount of money contributed and also the deeper and more lively interest expressed by the workers in the various branches. The Committee still hopes that the work will continue to grow and increase until each Parish and Mission station shall come up to the full measure of its ability in supplying the rapidly increasing needs of the Church within our borders.

One great want is felt—indeed, the work is hindered and crippled by it extremely—the want of a small and spirited Missionary news-sheet, that the contributors may know to what they are giving, and gain a personal interest in the individual missionaries, their work, and the various points needing help. It has had another generous donation to the fund, for a printing press, which is not yet sufficient to procure even the small one required. Will not the members of the Council help it to gain this much desired end? In this day, every secular enterprise that wishes to succeed, has a printed organ, through which to make itself known, and arouse interest in itself. And is it still true that the “children of this world are, in their generation, wiser than the children of Light?”

The Society feels convinced that where there is found a

slowness to give, and small contributions, it is owing, in almost every individual case, to ignorance of the subject and natural want of interest. This, it believes, may be remedied by the distribution, at short intervals, of the publication mentioned above.

The Mission Sunday Schools have not been forgotten. The Parishes at Tallahassee and Jacksonville again provided all that needed help in their Christmas celebrations. Seven boxes were sent to more distant parts of the Diocese, and the three Mission Schools in the suburbs of Jacksonville were supplied.

It has also received a good many Missionary Leaflets and other things from the Secretary of the "Woman's Auxiliary to the General Board," and from kind friends, who are interested in the Church in Florida, which it has distributed.

"Of them that have, shall much be required;" and how much the women of the Church have it in their power to give! And if inclination or zeal, or if power seems wanting, let us have recourse to the unfailing weapon, Prayer. It will bring us friends and money for our need. If it is God's need, too, it will bring us faith for doubt, and constancy for our impatience, and for coldness, an undying love.

The accompanying Treasurer's Report, (See Appendix B,) will give the receipts in full of the Society since the last Council, the total amount being \$1,167.95.

Mrs. H. SWART, Directress.

Mrs. M. R. BURTON, Treas.

Miss H. R. PARKHILL, Sec'y.

The Rev. Mr. Martin gave notice of proposed amendments to Canons IV. and XXIII.

The Rev. Dr. Carter gave notice of proposed amendment to Article VII. of the Constitution. First reading.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor and Mr. J. C. Copeland requested leave of absence, which, on motion, was granted.

When, the Council adjourned until after Evening Prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 6, 9 o'clock P. M.

The Council assembled after Evening Prayer, the Rev. Dr. Scott in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on the incorporation of the Diocese, was taken from the table.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION OF THE
DIOCESE.

The Committee appointed by the last Council, on the matter of "Incorporation of the Diocese," report, that they find already in existence an Act of Incorporation of the Diocese, approved February 10th, 1838, and which may be seen on page 40 of the Journal of the Diocese for 1838, and is among the original acts in the office of the Attorney General of the State, as follows :

"AN ACT to Incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Florida."

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, That the Clergy and Laity of the several Parishes composing the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, be, and they are hereby declared to be a body corporate, by the name and style of "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida," and they, and their successors, shall have full power to acquire and be possessed of, and hold for the use and benefit of the said Church, real and personal estate, and dispose of the same, and to receive all gifts, grants and donations of every description whatsoever, which may be made to the same, and shall have power, by their corporate name aforesaid, of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, and of using all necessary and proper steps for recovering any property whatever, which the said Church may hold or claim, and also the power to make all necessary rules and regulations for the securing as well the said property, as of all moneys, rents, issues, and profits growing out of the same, or any part thereof, and shall have a corporate seal, which they may renew, alter and change, at pleasure.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That all Parishes of said Diocese which may hereafter be formed and established within the same, shall be admitted to the benefits and privileges of said incorporation, upon the principles prescribed, or which may hereafter be prescribed, by the rules of said

Church, established in convention for the government of the Parishes composing the same, and upon no other principles whatsoever.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That no lands, tenements, hereditaments, money, or other things given at any time or at any place, for the use and benefit of said Church, shall be withdrawn from the same by any Parish, or the congregation thereof, or otherwise disposed of, except for the use and benefit of said Church, or said Parish, while the said congregation shall continue in and belong to the said Diocese, except by the consent of said Diocese, in convention assembled.

Passed February 10, 1888.

THOMAS BROWN,

President of the Legislative Council.

J. S. ROBINSON, Clerk of the Legislative Council.

Approved February 10, 1888.

R. K. CALL, Governor of Florida.

Your Committee recommend the following amendments to this Act: In section 1, before the word "Clergy," insert the words "Bishop and the." Sec. 1, after "real and personal estate," strike out all to the words "and to receive," and insert "and sell, convey or dispose of the same." In the same section, after the words "for the receiving," insert "disposing of or conveying." Sec. 2, amend by striking out the word "Convention" where it occurs, and insert instead thereof the word "Council." Amend Sec. 3, so as to read as follows: "And be it further enacted, That no lands, tenements, hereditaments, money or other things given to, or acquired at any time or at any place for the use and benefit of the said Church, shall be encumbered or alienated without the consent of the said Diocese, in Council assembled, or of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese, under direction of the Council."

Your Committee, therefore, offer the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to have the proposed amendments laid before the next Legislature, and also to prepare and report to the next Council such rules and by-laws as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act.

RESOLVED, That the same Committee, on consultation with the Bishop, shall select a Seal for the Diocese, and report to the next Council.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions on page 10—

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the proper authorities in the several Parishes of this Diocese, with the view of bringing about absolute uniformity in the Articles of Association of the Parishes; also, to examine the Articles of Association adopted by this Diocese in the Council of 1873, suggesting such changes as may appear necessary. This Committee shall have power to call for the Charters, Constitutions, or Articles of Association of each of the said Parishes, as the basis of their work, and report in full to the next Council.

—report as follows:

To make their work as effective as possible, the Committee communicated with the authorities of every Parish in the Diocese. This elicited the fact that great diversity existed. Some Parishes were organized under special acts of the Legislature, and others under the "General Act for the Incorporation of Religious Societies." The organization of only four were found to be in conformity to the Articles provided by the Diocese. In several, the basis of organization was purely congregational and ignored fundamental principles of Church order. Two had no formal organization, except admission, by vote, into union with the Diocese. The very serious result of this singular diversity is, that from the civil, or legal standpoint, the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Diocese, are, in several Parishes, inoperative. The only remedy for which is, in the opinion of the Committee, the prompt and decided action of this Council requiring absolute and explicit conformity by every Parish, with the Articles provided. No difficulty exists in the way of accomplishing this, if the Parochial authorities are loyal to the Church, as every Constitution, Organization and Association provides, within itself, for alteration or amendment.

In order to promote the object of the resolution under which we were appointed, we recommend that the "Articles of Association" be amended to read as follows:

In the Preamble, after the word "congregation," insert the words "and Parishes." Articles 1, II, and III unchanged. Article IV., strike out and insert instead thereof as follows:

Article IV.—The Wardens and Vestrymen of—— Church shall be elected annually, on Monday in Easter Week, (immediately after Divine service,) in number not less than three. Of this number, the Rector shall appoint one to be Senior Warden, and the Vestry shall appoint one to be Junior Warden. The Vestry shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. No one shall be elected a Vestryman who is not an adult male, and a communicant in good standing in the Parish. No one shall be entitled to vote for Vestrymen, who is not an adult male; either a communicant in good standing in the Parish, or a baptized member of the Church, a regular contributor to its support for at least six months preceding, in the manner prescribed by the Vestry, and attached to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Church.

Articles V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, unchanged.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. DANIEL, Chairman.

The Report, with proposed amendments and resolutions attached, was adopted. The Chair appointed as the Committee to procure the action of the Legislature, the Rev. Dr. Carter and Messrs. Robert Walker and D. S. Walker. Mr. Daniel gave notice of a proposed amendment to Canon VIII.

The Secretary presented and read the Report of the Treasurer of the "Woman's Auxiliary Society for Missions. (See Appendix B.)

The order of the day was taken up, being the reading of their reports by the Clergy, and remarks upon the condition of their work in the several Parishes and Missions.

Mr. Wm. Conard asked leave of absence from further attendance, which was granted, when, on motion, the Council adjourned to to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, May 7, 1880.

The Council met at 9 o'clock A. M., the Bishop in the Chair.

The Special Committee, appointed yesterday, in regard to the bonds used in payment of the Bishop's salary, made the following Report:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of bonds belonging to the Episcopal fund, reported by the Treasurer of the Diocese as having been used in payment of the salary of the Bishop to December 31st, 1879, beg leave to report that they have inquired fully into the matter, and find that the bonds in question, to the amount of \$2,150, were so used by the Treasurer, upon the advice of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, with the understanding that "the use of said bonds was as a loan to the Diocese, from the permanent fund to meet a pressing emergency, and was to be repaid from the Diocesan assessments now due and to become due."

Under these circumstances, your Committee recommend that the action of the Standing Committee in directing such use of said bonds by the Treasurer, be approved and made the order of this Council.

R. WALKER, Chairman.
CHAS. V. HILLYER,
EDWARD W. MEANY.

The second reading of the following proposed amendment to Article VII. of the Constitution was called for and had:

Proposed amendment to Article VII—strike out, in the first line, the word "three" and insert "four." so that the sentence shall read: "The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall consist of four Clergymen and three Laymen."

Mr. George Burt, of St. Augustine, appeared and took his seat.

RESOLVED, That the Bishop's recommendation, in his address to the last Council, that all Church Edifices, Rectories and other buildings belonging to the several Parishes and Missions be insured, be pressed upon the attention of the Clergy, Vestries and other officers of the Parishes and Missions, and that they be instructed to carry out so necessary an object.

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Council, in view of the small number of Clergy in the Diocese and the extent and importance of the missionary work to be done, that the Vestries of the several Parishes, be urged to place the services of the Rectors at the disposal of the Bishop on one Sunday in each month, for performing missionary work, wherever the Bishop may think it expedient.

RESOLVED, That the next Diocesan Council will meet in Trinity Church, Gainesville, on the first Wednesday in May, 1881.

RESOLVED, That the proposed amendments to Canons now on the Secretary's table, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Committee on Canons made the following Report :

The Committee on Constitution and Canons respectfully report, and recommend the adoption of the amendments to the Articles of Association, and to the Canons, proposed by the Committee appointed under the Resolution to be found on page 10, Journal of last Council, on "Articles of Association."

The Committee also recommend that Canon IV, paragraph 2, be amended so as to read : "No Deputy shall be entitled to a seat in the Council unless he be of full age, and a communicant in good standing in the Church which he is appointed to represent."

Also, recommend, that Canon XV., Sec. 2, be amended by striking out the words "two years consecutively," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "one year." Strike out also "a Parish," and insert "the Holy Communion."

Also, recommend, that in Canon XIX., after paragraph 5, insert as follows: "Any Clergyman in charge of an Organized Mission, may appoint one Layman, a communicant in good standing in the Mission, to represent the Mission in the Diocesan Council, who shall have all the rights and privileges

of the other Lay Deputies, beginning with the Council next succeeding the one in which said Mission is first represented.

Also, recommend, that the amendment to Canon VIII., passed by the last Council, be repealed, and the Canon restored to its previous form.

Your Committee also recommend that Canons XI. and XII. be repealed, and in lieu thereof the following be adopted, to be known as

CANON—OF ORGANIZED PARISHES.

SEC. 1. Preliminary to the admission of any Parish into union with the Council of this Diocese, there shall be evidence that the parties applying therefor have, for twelve months preceding said application, existed as an Organized Mission, under Canon XIX. of this Diocese.

SEC. 2. For the organization of a Parish, the canonical number of persons forming an Organized Mission—of whom three, at least, shall be male communicants—shall assemble at a specified time and place, (due notice thereof having been given at Divine service, on two Sundays preceding,) and adopt and sign the Articles of Association prescribed by the Diocese.

SEC. 3. In every Parish there shall be, on Easter Monday, in each year, immediately after Divine service, an election of a Vestry, to consist of not less than three members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Of this number, the Rector shall appoint one to be Senior Warden, and the Vestry shall appoint one to be Junior Warden. The Vestry shall also appoint a Secretary and Treasurer and any other officers who may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 4. None shall be elected a Vestryman who is not an adult male and a communicant in good standing in the Parish.

SEC. 5. No one shall be entitled to vote for Vestrymen who is not an adult male ; either a communicant in good standing in the Parish, or a baptized member of the Church ; a regular contributor to its support for at least six months preceding, in the manner prescribed by the Vestry, and attached to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Church.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of

the property of the Parish, to regulate its temporal concerns, to elect a Rector or Minister, and provide for his maintenance, to keep order in the Church during Divine Service, and to act as helpers to the Clergy in whatever is appropriate to Laymen for the furtherance of the Church's work.

The Wardens shall provide for the decent celebration of Public Worship, and, in the absence of the Rector, (who is ex-officio President of the Vestry and of all Parish meetings,) call meetings of the Vestry and preside according to seniority.

SEC. 7. Any congregation complying with the provisions of this Canon, may, on application, in writing, be admitted into union with the Council.

SEC. 8. All Parishes now existing in the Diocese are hereby required to so modify or amend their present Articles of Association, or Constitution, or Incorporation, as to conform to the provisions of this Canon.

Your Committee also recommend that Canon XXII. be amended as follows:

"It shall not be lawful for any Parish, the corporate officers, or congregation thereof, to encumber, sell, alienate, transfer or convey any property, real or personal, the title to which is held by or for the use of the Parish, without the written consent of the Bishop."

J. J. DANIEL,
R. WALKER.
R. H. WELLER,
W. H. CARTER,
Committee.

RESOLVED, That the amendments to the "Articles of Association," proposed in the above report, be adopted, and the Articles stand as so amended.

RESOLVED, That the proposed amendments to Canon XXII. be adopted

RESOLVED, That the amendment made to Canon VIII., at the Council of 1879, be repealed, and the Canon restored as it existed previously to that date.

RESOLVED, That the words "two years" be stricken out, and the words "one year" inserted instead thereof. Also, striking out the words "consecutively from a Parish," and insert in lieu thereof the words "from the Holy Communion."

RESOLVED, That the amendments to Canons IV. and XIX., proposed by the Committee on Canons, be laid over until the next Council.

RESOLVED, That Canons XI and XII be repealed, and the proposed Canon "of Organized Parishes" be adopted instead thereof.

The Rev. Mr. Phelps and Mr. Thornton, were excused from further attendance.

On motion, the Council went into the election of officers of the Diocese, Rev. Mr. Roote and Mr. Hampton being appointed tellers. The balloting resulted in electing the following officers :

TREASURER.—H. E. Dotterer.

REGISTRAR.—Dr. A. S. Baldwin.

STANDING COMMITTEE.—Clerical—The Rev. O. P. Thackara, the Rev. R. H. Weller, the Rev. C. S. Williams; Lay—Messrs. J. J. Daniel, S. A. Swann, Robert Walker.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—H. E. Dotterer, J. J. Daniel, C. B. Benedict, Rev. O. P. Thackara, Rev. R. H. Weller.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.—Clerical—The Rev. R. H. Weller, the Rev. O. P. Thackara, the Rev. J. J. Scott, D.D., the Rev. W. H. Carter, D.D.; Lay—J. J. Daniel, R. Walker, H. E. Dotterer, W. E. Anderson.

The Bishop appointed as Preacher for the next Council, the Rev. Dr. Scott, and substitute, the Rev. Dr. Carter.

The Bishop also added to the list of Examining Chaplains, the Rev. W. H. Carter, D.D., and the Rev. E. W. Meany.

RESOLVED, That the resolution adopted at the Council of 1876, in regard to Fairs, Festivals, &c., be repealed, and instead thereof,

RESOLVED, That this Diocese do conform in this, as in all other matters, to the wise counsels and directions of the Church, as expressed in a resolution of the House of Deputies, in General Convention, in 1877, and met by the House of Bishops, in their Pastoral Letter, of the same year, to the Church.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be directed to publish 500 copies of the Journal of this Council, and 250 copies of the Constitution, Canons and Articles of Association, as amended.

RESOLVED, That the Council express its thanks to the Church people of Jacksonville for their kind hospitality, and to the Railroad authorities for courtesies extended to the members.

The Special Committee on Finance, made the following Report :

Your Committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts and such other matter as may be connected therewith, beg leave to report that they find the same correct.

A. B. HAWKINS, Chairman.

J. J. DANIEL.

The Rev. W. H. Carter, D.D., L.L.D., was elected Trustee of the General Theological Seminary.

RESOLVED, That the Vestries of the several Parishes and Missions in this Diocese, be urged to insure the lives of their Rectors, or Ministers in charge, for the benefit of their several families, as a duty which they owe to those who might otherwise be left destitute at the death of those to whom they look for protection and support.

The Rev. Dr. Scott was elected Trustee of the University of the South.

Council adjourned till after Divine service, at 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock P. M.

Council met after Divine service.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on securing the services of the Laity in active church work, appointed at the last Council, made a verbal and partial report, and was continued.

The Council resumed the order of the day, being the reading of the Clerical reports, and remarks on the condition of the several fields of labor.

The Rev. Mr. Snowden was excused from attendance on the Council after eleven o'clock to-morrow.

The Committee, to whom was referred the following Memorial from the University of the South, to-wit:

MEMORIAL TO THE DIOCESAN CONVENTIONS OF THE DIOCESES INTERESTED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The undersigned, the members of the University Commission, having accepted from the Trustees of the University of the South, a charge to work during the year for its conservation and final establishment, feel bound to call the attention of the Dioceses interested as joint owners of the University, to the Special Plan of Provincial Sub-division, recommended for the Church in the United States by a recently published Report of a Sub-Committee of the House of Bishops. It may be that, as some believe, the inherent impracticability of this particular plan, will, in itself, secure its rejection by the General Convention ; nevertheless, in view of the authoritative source whence it has proceeded, the University Commission still believe themselves bound to call special attention to the danger this plan involves for the University of the South.

Though the undersigned recognize what is indeed self-evident, that the close organization of all the Dioceses interested in this University into one compact province would facilitate their joint counsels, concentrate their efforts, and assure the final success of the grand conception of Otey, Polk, and Elliott; yet, with the question of the advisability or non-advisability of a creation of provinces at the present time, the University Commission, as such, has nothing to do. It is with the special plan of division, recommended by such high authority, and with that plan only, that the University of the South happens to be concerned, and against that plan we ask leave to submit the following considerations:

1. The proposed plan threatens the destruction of the University of the South by recommending a disruption of the existing relations between the ten Dioceses now, and for twenty-four years past, united in its support.

2. The plan would separate from each other these ten homogeneous dioceses, and distribute them as appendages among the provinces composed of quite heterogeneous ele-

ments ; and thus, while undermining the University of the South, the plan would defeat the very objects for which, according to the Report of the Bishops themselves, the grouping or Dioceses into Provinces is desirable at all. Each of the proposed provinces, indeed, would be made up of all, or nearly all the heterogeneous elements and problems to be found in the Church in these United States as a whole.

3. No conceivable religious argument exists for such a division as that proposed, while it overrides the most manifest considerations of natural and social expediency; and would but check Church enterprise by diverting it from the channels which it has long since instinctively and spontaneously marked out for itself.

Your memorialists, therefore, pray that such action be taken by the Diocesan Convention interested as may tend to render impossible the adoption of the plan of division recommended by the Sub-Committee of the House of Bishops.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed

JOHN B. ELLIOTT,
E. K. SMITH,
C. HARRISON,
GEO. T. WILMER,
W. P. DuBOSE,
JNO. McCRADY.

Report, that not having before them the report of the Sub-Committee of the House of Bishops, to which the memorialists refer, they cannot intelligently decide upon the effect which would be produced upon the University of the South by the Provincial division suggested.

Your Committee recommend that the memorial be referred to the Clerical and Lay Deputies chosen by this Council to represent the Diocese in the next General Convention, with instruction, in consultation with the Bishop, to take such action in the matter, should the subject be brought before the Convention, as will best promote the interests of the University and the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. SCOTT, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted, to-wit:

Your Committee recommend the attached schedule of assessments, on the several Parishes and Missions, for the ensuing year:

SCHEDULE.

Trinity Church, St. Augustine,	.	.	.	.	.	\$40.00
St. John's Church, Tallahassee,	.	.	.	.	.	150.00
St. Paul's Church, Key West,	.	.	.	.	.	250.00
St. John's Church, Jacksonville,	.	.	.	.	.	350.00
Orange County Missions,	.	.	.	.	.	20.00
Marguerita Missions,	.	.	.	.	.	5.00
St. James Church, Lake City,	.	.	.	.	.	20.00
St. Matthew's Mission, San Mateo,	.	.	.	.	.	8.00
Holy Comforter, Crescent City,	.	.	.	.	.	8.00
St. Mary's Church, Milton,	.	.	.	.	.	40.00
St. Luke's Church, Marianna,	.	.	.	.	.	20.00
Christ Church, Apalachicola,	.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Christ Church, Pensacola,	.	.	.	.	.	240.00
St. Mark's Church, Palatka,	.	.	.	.	.	30.00
St. Peter's Church, Fernandina,	.	.	.	.	.	100.00
Christ Church, Monticello,	.	.	.	.	.	30.00
Trinity Church, Gainesville,	.	.	.	.	.	50.00
Grace Mission, Orange Park,	.	.	.	.	.	10.00
Cedar Key,	.	.	.	.	.	30.00
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$1,451.00</u>

The Committee also recommend that the list of defaulting Parishes be referred to the regular Finance Committee, with power to grant relief, either in whole or in part, as in their judgment the interests of the Church may require. Respectfully submitted for the Committee.

J. J. DANIEL.

On motion, the Council adjourned to 9 o'clock A.M. to-morrow.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, May 8, 1880.

The Council met at 9 o'clock A. M. The Rev. C. S. Williams was chosen temporary Chairman.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Scott appeared, and as the senior Priest of the Diocese, took the Chair.

RESOLVED, That a committee of conference with the Bishop be appointed, to consist of the Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Scott, and Messrs. Walker, Daniel, and Hampton.

The Committee retired.

The Committee on Christian Education made the following report :

The Committee report the sad neglect throughout the Diocese of the duty of establishing and maintaining Parish Schools, and recommend, both Clergy and Laity, not to forget that a part of a mother's duty is to train up her children in the way they should go, and hence that they should furnish the Mother Church with what is necessary to enable her to discharge this duty.

EDWARD W. MEANY, Chairman.

The Committee of Conference with the Bishop returned, and reported that they had arranged with the Bishop the matter of the Jefferson and Madison County Bonds paid to him by the Standing Committee, and offered the following resolutions :

RESOLVED, That the Bishop having arranged to secure to the Diocese the loan from the Permanent Fund, the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay over to the Bishop, at the close of each quarter, on account of his salary, such funds as may be in his hands, from the Diocesan assessments. Adopted.

RESOLVED, That it is hereby referred to the Finance Committee, with power, to complete the above arrangement with the Bishop.

The Committee on the State of the Church, made the following Report :

The Committee on the State of the Church have considered the papers referred to them, and beg leave to report as follows :

The summary of Parochial and Missionary Reports show a steady increase of work, and we are happy in being able to state the success, of the present over the preceding year. It is not necessary that we should make a more particular reference to the signs of external success, as these may readily be seen by a glance at the tabular view herewith appended, reports of the Clergy, and from the Bishop's address, further than to call attention to the unusual number of Church buildings now being erected within our borders. This, we take it, clearly indicates a desire on the part of our continually increasing population to receive and be instructed by our Church in things pertaining to this life as well as that which is to come. As the building of churches involves much expense, and it is usually disastrous to incur debts by so doing, your committee, with much pleasure, note the disposition evinced in many places to build only with funds in hand. To do what we can at home, and not indulge in expectations not likely to be realized, we suggest, will be found always to be not only the best way of accomplishing results in this direction, but also of commending our work to others, whose aid we may desire and need under certain contingencies.

If it be not beyond the province of your Committee, we would commend most heartily what seems manifest to us, that there exists in the Diocese, pervading every portion of it, a pressing sense of duty to God and His Church—and an earnest desire to do what we may be able to do faithfully and well for the extension and perpetuity of the Redeemer's Kingdom among us. Amid discord of opinion, we have harmony of action, and though apparently weak, out of that weakness strength is not unfrequently manifested, at which

we are sometimes amazed, and in full measure, grateful to Him, without whom nothing is strong, nothing holy.

SUMMARY.

Number of Families.....	773
Total of Souls.....	4,449
Baptisms—Adults.....	42
Infants.....	281
Total.....	323
Lay Readers.....	16
Confirmed.....	127
Communicants—Present number.....	1,546
Marriages.....	129
Burials.....	146
Sunday School—Teachers.....	181
Scholars.....	1,350
Parish Schools—Teachers.....	10
Scholars.....	212
Contributions—Parochial.....	15,385.53
Diocesan Assessments.....	1,117.24
Diocesan Missions.....	985.77
Domestic Missions.....	123.49
Foreign Missions.....	4.91
Other Objects.....	1,542.70
Total.....	\$19,109.68

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. SCOTT, Chairman.

The Rev. Mr. Williams was appointed a Committee to wait on the Bishop and notify him that the Council has finished business, and ask if he has anything to communicate.

The Rev. Mr. Williams returned, and reported that the Bishop had no further communication to make.

RESOLVED, That after the usual devotions by the Chairman, this Council adjourn sine die.

JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG, S. T. D.,
Bishop of Florida.

R. H. WELLER, Secretary.

APPENDICES.



(APPENDIX A.)

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :

The lapse of another year brings us together for council in the interests of our Diocese.

Through the preserving mercy of God, our ranks have continued unbroken since our last meeting.

The narrative of my official acts from that time to the present, will be brief, in consequence of my prostration by sickness, as is known to you all, during nearly the whole of this period.

Notwithstanding the rest from labor and care which you so kindly proffered me at your last session, and which was most grateful to me, as an expression of your thoughtful consideration and loving regard, I had no thought at the time that I should have occasion to avail myself of it, and was about starting, at the close of the Council, on a visitation of the Western portion of my Diocese, but the strong remonstrances of some of the older of my Clergy against my undertaking that labor in the enfeebled condition of my health, induced me to postpone it and direct my face homewards.

Just before leaving Tallahassee, on Saturday the 10th of May, I confirmed *one* person in private.

Sunday, May 11th, it being the 4th Sunday after Easter, I visited Christ Church, Monticello. After a sermon by the Rector, in the morning, I confirmed *one* person, and

after a sermon, also by the Rector, at Evening Prayer, I confirmed *one* person.

On Ascension Day, I assisted in the services and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in St. John's Church, Jacksonville. On the Sunday after Ascension, and also on Whit-Sunday, I preached in the same Church and celebrated the Holy Communion on Whit-Sunday.

On the third Sunday after Trinity, I visited the Church of the Holy Cross, Marguerita, consecrated the Church edifice, (the sermon being by the Rev. Mr. Weller,) confirmed *sixteen*, and celebrated the Holy Communion. After the services, a most abundant collation was spread by Mrs. Gurganus on the spacious piazza of her house for the whole congregation, nearly all of whom participated in it. The work at this station is peculiar and of singular interest, as demonstrating that the humblest and most unlettered of our rural population can be brought under the influence and training of the Church by judicious, loving and persevering efforts. Mr. Snowden's devotion to his work has been beyond all praise. And the seconding that his efforts have had from Col. and Mrs. Gurganus, has been so earnest and well timed, as to have aided materially, under God, in the attainment of his happy success. Col. Gurganus gave the site, at his own cost erected the Church, and both he and his estimable wife have been untiring and unstinted in their efforts for the improvement and blessing of the humble community by which they are surrounded.

Monday, June 30th, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Weller and Rev. Mr. Snowden the Missionary, I visited the Mission at Lake City. After a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Weller, I confirmed *three*, the Holy Communion following the Confirmation. The building of a Church was then under discussion, which, I am glad to learn, is now nearly an accomplished fact.

On the 4th Sunday after Trinity, I assisted in the ser-

vices in St. John's Church, Jacksonville, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

On Tuesday the 8th of July, as I was making preparations to leave home for the Summer, for the recuperation of my health, I was suddenly taken with an illness so serious that for nine weeks I did not leave my bed. This attack coming upon me in an enfeebled condition, when I had not recovered from the prostration induced by my previous severe illness, my convalescence, as was to be expected, has been very slow. The first official act that I was able to attempt, was the laying of the corner stone of St. John's Church, Tallahassee, on the 19th of January last, though I was too weak to undertake more than the mere act of laying the corner stone. I was very glad to be able to be present at this interesting service, which was on the anniversary of the burning of the old Church, in which I was admitted to the Priesthood by Bishop Elliott, in January, 1846, my predecessor in the Episcopate, Rev. Dr. Rutledge, presenting me, he being at the time Rector of that Parish. The new Church, now being erected on the site of the old one, is of brick, and will be superior in every respect, excepting the hallowed associations and memories clustering about the old edifice, which only the lives of generations can reproduce in the new.

On the 23d of January I confirmed, in Tallahassee, *one* person in private.

On the 19th of February, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Weller, I visited Baldwin. After Evening Prayer and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Weller, I confirmed *nine*. This class for confirmation was some of the fruits of a few month's of earnest and well directed efforts of a Lay Reader, who was engaged in teaching at that place—Mr. R. H. Weller, Jr., son of the Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville. The community in and about Baldwin has been so hard to produce any impression upon for good, that no religious

efforts, by whatever denomination put forth, had hitherto produced the slightest results. But a few months' residence in this community by Mr. Weller, who was not only faithful in lay reading, but diligent and judicious in personal conversations while visiting from house to house, and in the distribution of books and tracts giving instruction concerning the Church, has, by the blessing of God, impressed, I had almost said, leavened the whole community with a love for the Church and desire for her stated and regular services. This remarkable success, under the circumstances of the case, most agreeably surprised me and all, indeed, who know that community, and is an earnest, I trust, of useful and successful work when Mr. Weller shall enter upon the full duties of the work of the Ministry, for which he is preparing.

Tuesday, March 16th, I visited Orange Park to confer with the Church people there respecting the erection of a Church. I found that a lot had been secured, the gift of Mr. Benedict the proprietor of that place, and that the lumber was ordered and then being placed on the ground. Plans had been gratuitously furnished by Mr. Schuyler, and the subscriptions were in a state of forwardness, which have since been raised, as I am informed, to the full amount necessary for the covering in of the Church.

On Palm Sunday I visited Trinity Church, Gainesville. In the morning the Rector preached, and likewise in the evening, when I confirmed an interesting class of *nineteen*. The Church was crowded, many going away unable to gain an entrance. I found this Parish in a better condition than it has ever before attained. With the steady growth of the town and improvement of the country about it, the Church there is destined to grow in strength and importance.

On Easter Sunday I visited St. Paul's Church, Key West. In the morning, after a sermon by the Rector, I celebrated the Holy Communion. At night, after a sermon

by the Rector, I confirmed *forty-six*. I had previously confirmed one in private, making the whole number confirmed, *forty-seven*. The Church was crowded, every foot of standing room being occupied, and scores going away who could not gain an entrance. I found the condition of this Parish very gratifying and encouraging. Since the present Rector entered upon his work, fourteen months ago, a debt of \$1,800 has been nearly canceled, a Parish school of 80 scholars has been established, and there is the most cordial sympathy and co-operation on the part of the people with their Rector in whatever he proposes for the welfare of the Parish.

St. Peter's Church is still without a Rector, and as they are unable to contribute anything towards the support of one, I see no prospect of this want being soon supplied. In a place where living is as expensive as it is in Key West, it is impossible to sustain a Clergyman on the largest missionary stipend that it would be possible to command. The Rector of St. Paul's has a regular weekly evening service for them, with a sermon, and one Sunday in the month gives them an early celebration of the Holy Communion, these services being always held in St. Paul's Church.

St. John's Cuban Mission continues to be successful and prosperous. Its greatest want is a Church edifice. Their sole dependence is St. Paul's Church, which they can only have at noonday, immediately after the conclusion of the morning services of St. Paul's congregation. As it is the habit of the Cubans to stay within doors in the middle of the day, to avoid the heat of the sun at that time, the congregations are much less than they would be under different circumstances. Mr. Baez held a service on Good Friday night, when St. Paul's Church, which seats some six hundred, was filled with Cubans exclusively. Could they have a Church so as to hold services at suitable hours, the congregations would be good, and with God's blessing on Mr.

Baez's devoted labors, a very important and far-reaching work would be accomplished.

Returning from Key West I stopped at Cedar Key to officiate on Friday evening, April 2d. After a sermon by the Rector, I confirmed *thirteen*. I was surprised at the improvement of this place, and no less gratified at the changed aspect of the congregation since my last visit there. The Church edifice, which was built as a union church, but has come into our possession, has been repaired and materially improved, and from the excellent attendance upon our services, and the exceptionally willing spirit of the people in giving of their substance to sustain them, I look for the development of this Mission into a successful and important Parish in the not far distant future.

On Saturday, April 3d, *en route* from Cedar Key to Jacksonville, I stopped at Fairbanks, a new and growing settlement a few miles from Waldo, and laid the corner stone of All Saints Church. The Rev. Mr. Thackara was the only Clergyman able to be present, who made the address, followed by Maj. Fairbanks. I added a few words of gratulation and God-speed. The Church is to be built from plans furnished by Mr. Schuyler, who has kindly offered to superintend the work. This is one of four churches building under similar circumstances, within a radius of a few miles, Santa Fe, Waldo, and Lawty being the points of the location of the others. That at Santa Fe is completed, being built on a plot of twelve acres of land, overlooking the beautiful lake, and such as is selling in its immediate vicinity at \$60 an acre. The interesting and successful Church work in this region is mainly the result of the faithful and devoted labors of the Rev. Mr. Thackara, who, for several years past, as centres of population have been forming on the Transit Road, has frequently visited and officiated at them, teaching the people to look forward to the permanent establishment of the Church in

their midst. The results of his well-timed labors must be very gratifying to him as they are to the whole Diocese.

On the Sunday after Easter I visited St. John's Church, Jacksonville. In the morning after a sermon by the Rector, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and, at night, after a sermon by the Rector, I confirmed *eleven*.

The second Sunday after Easter I spent in Ocala. Though unable to preach or perform the full morning service, I called the people together and used a selected service.

On the 15th of April, I visited Green Cove Springs and confirmed *two*.

Besides the confirmations by myself, the record of which is completed in the foregoing narrative, the Bishop of Minnesota, acting by my request, confirmed *one* person on the 18th of March, in the Church of the Holy Cross, Sanford, and *three* persons, on Palm Sunday, in St. Mark's Church, Palatka.

It has been a matter of unspeakable sorrow and grief to me that I have been able to render so little active service to the Church in the Diocese during the past year, but it is God's visitation that has been upon me, and submissive resignation has been the lesson I have had to learn. It has been a great comfort to me, however, that notwithstanding my disabled condition, the work of the Church has steadily gone forward. The erection of Church edifices is one of the best tokens of material growth and prosperity, and, in this particular, I doubt whether any Diocese in our Church, of no more strength than ours, has been, of late, doing so much. Eleven Churches built or in progress in one year, in so small a Diocese as ours, is a record of which we may not only not be ashamed, but is a cause for devout thoughtfulness to God. What we most require now, next to God's blessing upon our labors, is the means to multiply missionaries for entering the promising fields which are calling for our occupancy, in every portion of our widely-extended

Diocese. As I dwelt at length on this topic in my last annual address, I need not here repeat what I then said. Upon ourselves we must mainly rely, and upon the faithfulness and efforts of the Clergy of the Diocese, in their respective Parishes, does our success mainly depend. I earnestly hope that, one and all, we shall redouble our efforts during the coming year to strengthen and advance the promising work for which we are so awfully responsible to God and His Church.

Since our last meeting, I have given my canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Harris, as Bishop of Michigan, of the Rev. Dr. Starkey, as Bishop of Northern New Jersey, and of the Rev. Dr. Galleher, as Bishop of Louisiana.

I have given letters dimissory to the Rev. Dr. Roche to the Bishop of New Jersey, and have received into the Diocese the Rev. Oliver Taylor from the Diocese of Michigan, and the Rev. Frank B. Gilbert from the Diocese of Alabama.

I have received the following notices of depositions from the Holy Ministry :

By the Bishop of Maryland, of the Rev. A. J. Faust, Deacon.

By the Bishop of Long Island, of the Rev. P. W. Benjamin, Deacon, and the Rev. William B. Musgrove, Presbyter.

By the Bishop of Alabama, of the Rev. F. W. Damus, Presbyter.

By the Bishop of Maryland, of the Rev. James Chrystal, Presbyter.

By the Bishop of Maine, of the Rev. Chas. Edwin Fetz, Deacon.

By the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, of the Rev. S. K. Boyer, Presbyter.

Commending ourselves, dear brethren, and each other to

CHRIST our **GOD**, let us devoutly invoke the presence and aid of His Blessed **SPIRIT** to direct us in all our works and ways.

JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG,
Bishop of Florida.

June.....20,.....St. Peter's Church Parish, Fernandina.....	\$10 00	
July.....16,.....St. Peter's Church Parish, Fernandina.....	10 00	
August.....5,.....St. Peter's Church Parish, Fernandina.....	20 00	
November 11,.....St. Peter's Church Parish, Fernandina.....	20 00	
December 16,.....St. Peter's Church Parish, Fernandina.....	10 00	
January.....7,.....St. Peter's Church Parish, Fernandina.....	10 00	
March.....9,.....St. Peter's Church Parish, Fernandina.....	10 00	
April.....2,.....St. Peter's Church Parish Fernandina.....	10 00	
April.....10 .....St. Peter's Church Parish Fernandina.....	10 00—	\$120 00
May.....5,.....Holy Comforter Church, Crescent City.....	8 50	
June.....12,.....Holy Comforter Church, Crescent City.....	3 62	
August.....4,.....Holy Comforter Church, Crescent City.....	2 20	
Septemb'r 10,.....Holy Comforter Church, Crescent City.....	5 00	
October.....22,.....Holy Comforter Church, Crescent City.....	3 83	
January.....6,.....Holy Comforter Church, Crescent City.....	5 00—	\$28 15
May.....8,.....St. Mary's Church Parish, Milton.....	3 50	
August.....4,.....St. Mary's Church Parish, Milton.....	5 00	
Septemb'r 20,.....St. Mary's Church Parish, Milton.....	1 65	
October.....9,.....St. Mary's Church Parish, Milton.....	3 75	
December.. 8,.....St. Mary's Church Parish, Milton.....	1 25	
January...12,.....St. Mary's Church Parish, Milton.....	5 00	
April.....22,.....St. Mary's Church Parish, Milton.....	5 00	
August.....28,.....St. Mary's Church Parish, Milton.....	1 15—	\$26 80
May.....7,.....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	12 15	
June.....6,.....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	2 60	
July.....10,.....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	3 10	
August... ..8,.....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	2 10	
Septemb'r 8,.....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	2 35	
October.....4, .....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	3 90	
November 6,.....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	5 35	
December 11,.....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	2 50	
January...20,.....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	4 45	
February.. .9,.....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	3 05	
March.....6,.....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	2 05	
April.....12,.....Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....	2 70—	\$46 20
May. ....12,.....St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	14 42	
June.....13,.....St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	12 15	
July.....18,.....St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	12 59	
August.....18,.....St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	10 75	
Septemb'r 24,.....St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	12 66	
October... 22,.....St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	9 50	
November 28,.....St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	14 30	
December 10,.....St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	9 00	
January...20,.....St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	9 75	
February 17,.....St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	7 82	
March .....16,.... St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	6 11	
April.....17,.....St. Paul's Church Parish, Key West.....	11 00—	\$130 05
July.....10,.....Trinity Church Parish, St. Augustine.....	11 00	
April.....16,.....Trinity Church Parish, St. Augustine.....	91 25—	\$102 25
June.....12,.....Christ Church Parish, Pensacola.....	10 55	
December 25,.....Christ Church Parish, Pensacola.....	22 15—	\$32 70
May.....19,.....St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	25 93	
June.....21,.....St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	20 15	
July.....15,.....St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	31 88	
August.....11,.....St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	38 16	

APPENDIX B—TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Septemb'r 20,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	\$19 90	
October.....22,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	22 46	
November 10,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	21 02	
December...8,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	27 39	
January.....12,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	51 77	
February.....9,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	24 73	
March.....9,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	43 14	
April.....6,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville.....	70 33—	\$396 86
May.....31,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	24 80	
June.....28,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	10 02	
July.....29,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	11 80	
August.....30,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	10 40	
October.....4,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	11 16	
October.....31,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	12 80	
December...2,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	18 67	
December...31,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	10 56	
January.....30,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	14 40	
February...28,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	12 18	
March.....30,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	11 90	
April.....28,.....	St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee.....	13 20—	\$156 89
August.....5,.....	St. Mark's Church Parish, Palatka.....	4 60	
September 4,.....	St. Mark's Church Parish, Palatka.....	4 55	
October.....11,.....	St. Mark's Church Parish, Palatka.....	3 70	
November 14,.....	St. Mark's Church Parish, Palatka.....	8 50	
December...19,.....	St. Mark's Church Parish, Palatka.....	5 25	
January.....8,.....	St. Mark's Church Parish, Palatka.....	3 00	
February...17,.....	St. Mark's Church Parish, Palatka.....	4 18	
March.....2,.....	St. Mark's Church Parish, Palatka.....	3 72	
April.....9,.....	St. Mark's Church Parish, Palatka.....	6 05	
April.....27,.....	St. Mark's Church Parish, Palatka.....	2 65—	\$41 20
October.....11,.....	Trinity Church Parish, Gainesville.....	1 00	
November...8,.....	Trinity Church Parish, Gainesville.....	2 00	
December...2,.....	Trinity Church Parish, Gainesville.....	2 70	
January.....6,.....	Trinity Church Parish, Gainesville.....	2 25	
February...5,.....	Trinity Church Parish, Gainesville.....	2 25	
March.....8,.....	Trinity Church Parish, Gainesville.....	2 15	
April.....1,.....	Trinity Church Parish, Gainesville.....	3 00—	\$15 35
Total.....			\$1,167 95

(APPENDIX C.)

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

No. of families, 160. Individuals not thus included, 112. Total of souls, 912. Baptisms—Adults, 15; infants, 41; total, 56. Lay Readers, 5. Confirmed, 20. Communicants—Admitted, 32; added by removal, 12; lost by removal, 28; lost by death, 9; present number, 286. Marriages, 15. Burials, 27. Sunday School—Teachers, 39; scholars, 300.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$2,843 22
Diocesan Assessment.....	237 06
Diocesan Missions.....	396 86
Domestic Missions.....	28 27
From Sunday School.....	321 28
Other objects.....	690 66
Total.....	\$4,517 95

REMARKS.—Nine of those confirmed were at Baldwin, where services have been sustained by a Lay Reader from this Parish. The Parish proposes to advance and strengthen its work this year by adding another Clergyman to its clerical force. Three Mission Schools are sustained, and daily services are kept up as in former years. The Sunday School deserves honorable mention for its generous assistance in Church work, both within and without the Parish.

R. H. WELLER, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA.

No. of families, 64. Individuals not thus included, 100. Total of souls, 555. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 30;

total, 32. Lay Readers, 3. Communicants—Admitted, 8; added by removal, 2; lost by removal, 19; lost by death, 1; present number, 151. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5. Sunday School—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 150. Parish School—Teachers, 2; Scholars, 50.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$2,037 86
Diocesan Assessment.....	549 15
Domestic Missions.....	29 00
Total.....	\$2,615 01

REMARKS.—During the last year, our church edifice has been thoroughly repaired and enlarged, and is now, besides being sufficiently commodious, presenting a churchly appearance. In this connection, I will state a handsome stained-glass chancel window has been erected as a memorial to the late Bishop Rutledge.

J. J. SCOTT, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TALLAHASSEE.

No. of families, 58. Individuals not thus included, 29. Total of souls, 269. Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 11; total, 12. Confirmed 1 in private. Communicants—Admitted, 7; added by removal, 6; lost by removal, 6; lost by death, 1; present number, 110. Marriages, 7. Burials, 10. Sunday School—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 51.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$1,011 50
Diocesan Assessment.....	46 10
Diocesan Missions.....	156 89
Building Fund.....	2,212 41
Other objects.....	51 48
Total.....	\$3,478 47

REMARKS.—The walls of the new Church are up as far as can be built until the roof is framed. We hope it will be ready for occupation early in the fall. I assumed the Rectorship of the Parish last December. A week-day service is held every four weeks at Lloyd's Station.

W. H. CARTER, Rector.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FERNANDINA.

No. of families, 40. Individuals not thus included, 25. Total of souls, 164. Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 6; total, 9. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Lost by removal, 2; lost by death, 2; present number, 64. Marriages, 2. Burials, 11. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$974 56
Diocesan Assessment.....	106 50
Diocesan Missions.....	110 00
Total.....	\$1,191 06

O. P. THACKARA, Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 168. Individuals not thus included, 179. Total souls, 1,100. Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 66; total, 67. Lay Readers, 1. Confirmed, 30. Communicants—Admitted, 30; lost by removal, 10; lost by death, 15; present number, 155. Marriages, 22. Burials, 24. Sunday School—Teachers, 48; Scholars, 405. Parish School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 84.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Total.....	\$1,782 15
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REMARKS.—The Church has been carpeted, painted and refurnished.

CHARLES A. GILBERT, Rector.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 21. Individuals not thus included, 210. Total of souls, 300. Baptisms—Infants, 10; total, 10. Lay Readers, 1. Confirmed, 8. Communicants—Admitted, 8; lost by removal, 4; lost by death, 1; present number, 58. Marriages, 31. Burials, 8. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 55.

REMARKS.—The congregation of St. Peter's Parish has

worshipped with that of St. Paul's, consequently no separate offerings have been made.

CHARLES A. GILBERT, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 60. Individuals not thus included, 200. Total of souls, 400. Baptisms—Infants, 58; total, 58. Confirmed, 9. Communicants—Admitted, 30; lost by removal, 1; lost by death, 1; present number, 68. Marriages, 28. Burials, 33. Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 55. Parish School—Teachers, 2; Scholars, 46.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$50 00
Total.....	\$50 00

JUAN B. BÆZ, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, ST. AUGUSTINE.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 8; total, 9. Communicants—Lost by death, 2; present number, 74. Marriages, 8. Burials, 6. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Parochial.....	\$1,888 10
Diocesan Missions.....	91 25
Diocesan Assessment.....	91 25
Other objects, see below.	
Total, including \$75 below,.....	\$2,123 09

REMARKS.—In the amount of contributions for parochial purposes, is included the sum of \$650, raised especially to rebuild the house on church lot, destroyed by fire two years ago. In addition to the above contributions, \$75 were given on Good Friday to the "Church Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews," and which is not entered above.

The number of families is too fluctuating to be estimated. The Parochial contribution includes the Diocesan assessment.

E. ROOTE, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTICELLO.

No. of families, 15. Individuals not thus included, 8. Total souls, 61. Baptisms—Infants, 2. Confirmed, 2. Communicants—Added by removal, 2; lost by removal, 1; present number, 23. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 10.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$5 00
Diocesan assessment.....	34 50
Diocesan Missions.....	37 35
Other objects.....	30 00
Total.....	\$106 85

REMARKS.—The Rector of this Parish has rendered monthly service at the village of Greenville, on the J. P. & M. Railroad, where there are a dozen staunch members of the Church, who are very desirous of having a Missionary of their own to divide his time between them and the people of Madison, in the same county. The Church folk of the two places, Madison and Greenville, are anxious, too, to erect a church in the former town, and possess already some available funds for the purpose. The \$30 mentioned above, under the head of "Other objects," was given to St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

CHAS. P. RODEFER, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, GAINESVILLE.

No. of families, 40. Individuals not thus included, 16. Total of souls, 170. Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 8; total, 11. Lay Readers, 1. Confirmed, 19. Communicants—Admitted, 15; added by removal, 2; lost by removal, 6; present number, 65. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School—Teachers, 9; Scholars, 62.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$288 25
Diocesan Assessment.....	12 50
Diocesan Missions.....	15 35
Domestic Missions.....	20 14
Total.....	\$316 24

REMARKS.—The above statistics cover a period of six months, during which I have had charge of this Parish. The state of things here is very encouraging, and there is an evidently growing interest in the Church evinced, not only by her children, but also by the community outside, which promises good results for the future and continually increasing accessions to the true fold of the Good Shepherd.

EDWARD W. MEANY, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, CEDAR KEYS.

No. of families, 17. Individuals not thus included, 12. Total of souls, 78. Baptisms—Adults, 1 ; Infants, 2 ; total, 3. Confirmed, 13. Communicants—Admitted 5 ; added by removal, 3 ; lost by removal, 2 ; lost by death, 1 ; present number, 20. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School—Teachers, 5 ; Scholars, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$284 98
Diocesan Assessment.....	8 00
Domestic Missions.....	7 35
Total.....	\$300 31

REMARKS.—There is a most hopeful prospect for Church work in this Parish, where a general interest is exhibited by the whole people of this flourishing and rapidly growing town of Cedar Keys. We have a neat little Church building here, which is the only house of worship of any kind in the place. Our congregations are excellent in point of numbers, and are composed of an intelligent and thrifty class of citizens. The Parish has been under my charge for six months.

EDWARD W. MEANY, Rector.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LAKE CITY.

No. of families, 16. Individuals not thus included, 3. Total of souls, 62. Baptisms—Infants, 2 ; total, 2. Con-

firmied, 3. Communicants—Present number, 25. Marriages, 2. Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 27. Parish School—Teachers, 1; Scholars, 10.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$201 20
Domestic Missions.....	4 23
Church Building.....	463 68
Total.....	<u>\$669 11</u>

REMARKS.—On August 1, 1880, the Parish will have a new Church, valued at about \$1,200, to which Christ Church, Savannah, has contributed \$500, and others about \$75.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MILTON.

No. of families, 18. Individuals not thus included, 6. Total of souls, 63. Baptisms—Infants, 2; total 2. Communicants—Lost by removal, 9; lost by death, 1; present number, 19. Burials, 4. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$288 33
Diocesan Missions.....	26 30
Domestic Missions.....	3 30
Total.....	<u>\$317 93</u>

CHAS. E. McDUGAL, Officiating Minister.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PALATKA.

No. of families, 16. Individuals not thus included, 7. Total of souls, 75. Baptisms—Infants, 6; total, 6. Lay Readers, 1. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Admitted, 3; lost by removal, 3; present number, 29. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$1,049 94
Diocesan Assessment.....	25 00
Diocesan Missions.....	40 00
Domestic Missions.....	4 07
Other objects.....	157 50
Total.....	<u>\$1,276 51</u>

REMARKS.—Have been in charge of this Parish since the 15th of June, 1879. Have held services monthly at Orange Mills and Federal Point, on the St. John's River. Lest the total of contributions should appear disproportioned to the number of parishioners, it is proper to explain that there has been a larger number of winter visitors in Palatka this year, whose liberality has added considerably to our revenues.

H. B. STUART MARTIN, Rector.

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

HOLY COMFORTER CHURCH, CRESCENT CITY.

No. of families, 6. Individuals not thus included, 2. Total souls, 18. Baptisms—Infants, 2. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Present number, 12. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Sunday School—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 10.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$175 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	8 50
Diocesan Missions.....	30 27
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Other objects.....	30 00
Total.....	\$248 77

REMARKS.—The influence of the mission evidently exceeds the limits defined by statistics. Congregations are respectable in size usually, and excellent in the cooler months.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Missionary.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, SAN MATEO.

No. of families, 10. Individuals not thus included, 4. Total of souls, 25. Baptisms—Adults, 2; Infants, 6; total, 8. Communicants—Admitted, 1; present number, 6. Sunday School—Teachers, 2; Scholars, 12.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$220 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	6 83
Other objects.....	42 00
Total.....	\$268 83

REMARKS.—The absence of important families has crippled the mission in its work. The steadfastness of the people, however, has been remarkable. The prospect for the ensuing year is encouraging. C. S. WILLIAMS, Missionary.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY CROSS, SANFORD.

No. of families, 5. Individuals not thus included, 6. Total of souls, 22. Baptisms—Infants, 2. Confirmed, 1. Communicants—Lost by removal, 10; lost by death, 1; present number, 9. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 26.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Assessment.....	\$19 50
Diocesan Missions.....	31 50
Domestic Missions.....	3 20
Foreign Missions.....	4 91
Other objects.....	128 42
Total.....	\$186 53

LYMAN PHELPS, Missionary.

ORLANDO CHURCH.

No. of families, 8. Individuals not thus included, 6. Total of souls, 35. Baptisms—Infants, 2. Communicants—Lost by removal, 2; present number, 8. Burials, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Assessment.....	\$3 00
Domestic Missions.....	1 41
Other objects.....	27 34
Total.....	\$31 75

REMARKS.—Longwood.—The Lay Reader will give full report of that Mission. Zellwood.—The Lay Reader will give full report of that Mission. Maitland has 10 communicants; has contributed \$3 to Diocesan Assessment, \$4 for Diocesan Missions, and \$7 56 for other purposes. There has been one marriage, four children baptised; two burials.

LYMAN PHELPS, Missionary.

LONGWOOD, CHRIST CHURCH MISSION.

No. of families, 9. Individuals not thus included, 4. Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 4; total, 5. Lay Readers, 1. Confirmed, 2. Communicants—Admitted, 3; added by removal, 4; lost by death, 1; present number, 20. Burials, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Domestic Missions.....	\$1 42
Other objects.....	47 00
Total.....	\$48 42

REMARKS.—The attendance here is the most uniform of any of the Missions in Orange County. There is scarcely a family in reach of the Mission that does not attend. This result is largely due to the faithfulness of the Lay Reader, Fred. S. Rand.

LYMAN PHELPS, Missionary.

ZELLWOOD CHURCH.

No. of families, 5. Individuals not thus included, 6. Baptisms—Infants, 1. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Present number, 3.

Contributions..... \$28 42

REMARKS.—They have nearly completed their little Church, which they have made for themselves of the material growing on the lot. It is churchly. They reverence it as the House of God, and they think more of it, and it is worth more to them, than if it had been built for them by outside aid.

L. PHELPS, Missionary.

OUT-STATION, WELAKA.

REMARKS.—The entire settlement manifest interest in the monthly service held there. All are impatient for the

erection of a Church. Nearly all will contribute as they are able to this object. It is important to build without delay. The site has been given. A fund of over \$200 has been accumulated.

OUT STATION, Como.—A site will be given for a Church at once. \$100, half in money and half in labor, is promised by one family. It is proposed to push the matter and build as well as means will permit.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Missionary.

MARGUERITA, CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

No. of families, 21. Individuals not thus included, 5. Total of souls, 94. Baptisms—Adults, 8; Infants, 12; total, 20. Confirmed, 16. Communicants—Admitted, 16; present number, 23. Marriages, 2. Sunday School—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 42. Parish School—Teachers, 1; Scholars, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$102 33
Other objects.....	20 00
Total.....	\$122 33

REMARKS.—Marguerita being a mission, the total of souls might be made 150, but I have reported only those who are regular attendants at services. The number of communicants cannot be used as a basis of assessment, the Mission scarcely makes a living.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

GRACE CHURCH, ORANGE PARK.

No. of families, 16. Individuals not thus included, 6. Total of souls, 46. Communicants—Added by removal, 19; present number, 19. Burials, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Subscriptions for Church Building in the Mission.....	200 00
Subscriptions from non-residents.....	400 00
Domestic Missions.....	\$15 00

O. TAYLOR, Missionary.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION, SANTA FE.

In the spring of 1878, I was requested by the Rev. C. A. Gilbert, then stationed at Gainesville, with the approval of the Bishop, to act as Lay Reader and hold service at Santa Fe Lake, Mr. B. B. Ewing kindly tendering the use of his residence for the purpose. Shortly afterwards, I received a license from the Bishop as a duly appointed Lay Reader.

On Sunday, March 31st, I held the first service, since which time Sunday services have been continuous, with but slight interruptions, from sickness or continuous wet weather, to the present date. Holy Communion has been celebrated as frequently as we could obtain Priestly ministration, to which we are chiefly indebted to the occasional visits of the Rev. O. P. Thackara, and the short connection of the Rev. H. K. Brouse with this Missionary District. The Sacrament of Baptism has been administered once to four children by Rev. Mr. Thackara. I have read the burial service over one adult and two children.

Becoming convinced of the necessity of having a proper house of worship, we commenced active measures to that end about a year since, which has eventuated in the erection of a neat and properly appointed chapel, consisting of a nave 20 by 40 feet, and one transept, containing organ room and sacristy, all finished in open timber, frame and roof, neatly dressed. Seatings are provided for about ninety, capable of being extended to one hundred and twenty. The cost of the same is four hundred dollars, all of which is provided for. A valuable building lot of ten acres was donated by Mr. Ewing for the purpose, which is deeded to the Diocese. Some subscriptions were gathered from the neighborhood, but the means to erect the building came mostly from abroad. Since the occupancy of the Chapel, it has received a gift of a handsome communion

service from Mrs. Oliver Bronson, of Binghampton, N. Y., and an altar service from her son and a cabinet organ. The building will shortly be oiled in the interior and decorated as our means admit.

The Chapel, St. John's, was opened for service on Mid-Lent Sunday, and the first administration of the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Thackara on the Octave of Easter.

The attendance on the services have considerably increased since the opening of the Chapel.

In addition to services at Santa Fe Lake, I have held occasional services at Waldo, to aid in establishing a Mission station at that point, which we deem an important one. This is now, in a measure, organized and a Church will be built this season. I am also attending to the erection of a neat timber Chapel at the village of Fairbanks, a rapidly growing settlement on the Transit Railroad, between Waldo and Gainesville, for this we are largely indebted to the generosity of Mr. G. R. Fairbanks. A competent Layman conducts services at this place.

An examination of the Mission work in this portion of the Diocese will show that what has been accomplished is mostly the work of the Laity, encouraged and aided as far as possible by those of our overtasked Clergy, under whose more immediate observation our work is progressing. But we feel that the limit of our ability to press the work of planting our Holy Church in these more remote portions of the Diocese, has been nearly reached, and that the time has come that calls for more immediate Clerical charge. A wise Priest could not only draw together the scattered children of the Church and band them in the work, but bring into the fold many outside her pale, and so establish the Church upon a foundation that would give her command of the field for all future time. I find but little hos-

tility to the Church, but great carelessness and indifference to attending any services.

In addition to our regular work at the Mission, we have done some work among the colored population, which we found quite promising, gathering together from forty to sixty of all ages for instruction, but from want of a building (having lost the one we had temporary use of) and means, we were forced to forego the work for the time, but hope soon to renew it. We hope the subject of carrying the Church to the colored people will receive the earnest consideration of the approaching Council.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT S. SCHUYLER, Lay Reader.

MISSION HOUSE, S. S. J. E.,
OXFORD, April 19, 1880.

Rt. Rev. J. F. YOUNG, D.D.,
Jacksonville, Fla.

MY DEAR BISHOP: In accordance with what I believe is a canonical requirement, I make to you a report of my doings. I believe it is nearly time for the annual Council of your Diocese. When I shall ask to be transferred, I cannot say. I suppose, until transferred, I should report annually to you.

I am much pleased with the quiet, strict life here with the Fathers. There are ten Priests here now, though I think two of them are visiting for a year or so, without intending to become members. We are expecting four more soon. I suppose some who are here under training will be sent out for missionary work.

I hope Mr. Gilbert is happily located at Marianna, and that he will be blessed in his work there. I knew him

some eight years ago, and esteemed him a thorough, earnest man, a good student, and full of promise. I hope the people of Marianna will sustain him in good shape, and that he will be content to remain there a long while.

I remain, my dear Bishop, yours faithfully,

W. B. HUSON.

STANDING RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of each day shall be introduced by prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the Chair.

3. The order of business in the Council shall be as follows: 1st. The appointment of a President, if there be no Bishop, or if the Bishop is absent. 2d. The appointment of a Secretary, by ballot. 3d. The appointment of the Standing Committees of the Council—viz: Committee on the State of the Church, Committee on Unfinished Business, Committee on Christian Education, and Special Committees. 4th. The Annual Address of the Bishop, if there be one and he be present, or he absent and transmit his address. 5th. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 6th. Reports from Committees of the Council. 7th. Reports from the Treasurer. 8th. Reports from Committees appointed at the last Council. 9th. The election, by ballot, of a Treasurer, of a Registrar, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, of a Finance Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or present any matter to the Council, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall absent himself from the sittings of the Council, unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Council.

7. The Council shall vote by orders, whenever one Clergyman or the Deputation from one Parish may require it.

8. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the Journal.

9. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Council, and shall not be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Council; *provided always*, that any member of the Council voting in the majority may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move a re-consideration of said vote.

10. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Council, unless seconded, and if required, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

11. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

13. Every member who shall be present when the question is put, shall vote, unless excused by the Council.

14. When the Council is about to rise, or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the Chair.

15. The foregoing rules shall be read by the Secretary at the opening of every Council, immediately after the prayer.

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Rector of St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.

The Rev. R. H. WELLER,

Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. E. W. MEANY,

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The Rev. ELEAZER ROOTE,

Rector of Trinity Church, St. Augustine.

The Rev. LYMAN PHELPS,

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The Rev. W. H. CARTER, D.D., LL.D., Ph.D.,

Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

The Rev. H. B. S. MARTIN,

Rector of St. Mark's Church, Palatka.

The Rev. C. S. WILLIAMS,

Missionary in Fruitland Peninsula.

The Rev. JUAN B. BAEZ,

Rector of St. John's Church, Key West.

The Rev. C. S. SNOWDEN,

Missionary on Florida Central Railroad.

The Rev. C. P. RODEFER,

Missionary on Florida Transit Railroad.

The Rev. OLIVER TAYLOR,

Missionary at Orange Park.

The Rev. C. M. STURGES,

Missionary at Mandarin.

The Rev. C. W. WARD,

Missionary at Maitland.

The Rev. JESSE R. BICKNELL, B. D.,

Ass't. Minister of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

DEACONS.

The Rev. C. E. McDUGAL,

Missionary at St. Mary's Church, Milton.

The Rev. R. H. WELLER, JR.,

Minister at Grace Church, Ocala.

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SECRETARY.

The Rev. R. H. WELLER, Jacksonville.

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JOURNAL
OF THE
FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 4, 1881.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-eighth Annual Council of the Diocese of Florida, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled, with the Bishop, in St. John's Church, at 11 o'clock A. M. Morning Prayer and Litany was said by the Rev. J. J. Scott, D.D., LL.D., and the Rev. CHARLES S. WILLIAMS. The Bishop then proceeded with the service for the Holy Communion, assisted in the distribution by the Rev. R. H. WELLER.

The services being ended, the Council was called to order by the Bishop, who furnished the Secretary with the following

LIST OF CLERGY

ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE COUNCIL :

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D.D., LL.D.,
The Rev. O. P. THACKARA,
The Rev. R. H. WELLER,
The Rev. E. W. MEANY,
The Rev. ELEAZER ROOTE,
The Rev. LYMAN PHELPS,
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The Rev. OLIVER TAYLOR,
The Rev. CHARLES M. STURGES
The Rev. CHARLES W. WARD,
The Rev. JESSE R. BICKNELL.

DEACONS.

The Rev. CHARLES E. McDUGAL, M.D.,
The Rev. R. H. WELLER, JR.

Of these, the following were present :

The Rev. J. J. Scott, D.D., LL.D., Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola.

The Rev. R. H. Weller, Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. Eleazer Roote, Rector of Trinity Church, St. Augustine.

The Rev. W. H. Carter, D.D., LL.D., Ph.D., Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

The Rev. H. B. S. Martin, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Palatka.

The Rev. C. S. Williams, Missionary at Crescent City, San Mateo and Welaka.

The Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary on the Florida Central Railroad.

The Rev. Oliver Taylor, Missionary at Orange Park.

The Rev. Charles M. Sturges, Missionary at Mandarin.

The Rev. Jesse R. Bicknell, B.D., Assistant Minister of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. R. H. Weller, Jr., Minister of Grace Church, Ocala.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Dr. Carter and Rev. Messrs. Williams and Roote a Committee on the Credentials of Lay Deputies, who reported that they had examined and found the following entitled to seats, viz:

St. John's Church, Jacksonville—A. S. Baldwin, M. D., J. J. Daniel, D. G. Ambler, C. B. Benedict. Alternates—

L. I. Fleming, H. F. Abell, G. C. Wilson, W. A. Spence, M. D.

Grace Church, Ocala—Robert Bullock, S. F. Marshall, Dr. Z. Butt, H. P. Robinson.

Trinity Church, Gainesville—N. D. Phillips, M. D., P. G. Snowden, M. D. Alternates—W. N. Bruce, M. D., E. W. L'Engle, M. D.

St. John's Church, Tallahassee—Robert Walker, R. A. Whitfield, A. B. Hawkins, M. D., P. Houston.

Christ Church, Pensacola—E. A. Perry, W. K. Hyer, Sr., A. E. Maxwell, C. C. Yonge, Sr.

Trinity Church, St. Augustine—George Burt, J. M. Hallows.

St. Mark's Church, Palatka—J. C. Donelly, M. D., James Burt.

St. Mary's Church, Milton—H. T. Wright, W. E. Anderson.

St. Paul's Church, Key West—R. M. Kemp, C. S. Johnson, John Lowe, Jr.

Mission of the Holy Comforter, Crescent City—William Conard.

Mission of St. Matthews, San Mateo—George F. Chester.

Mission of the Holy Cross, Sanford—J. E. Ingraham.

St. Mary's and Mission of the Holy Cross, Margueretta—George E. Abbott.

On calling the roll, the following Lay-Deputies answered to their names :

Dr. A. S. Baldwin and Messrs. C. B. Benedict and W. A. Spence, M. D., Jacksonville.

J. C. Donelly, M. D., Palatka.

Wm. Conard, Crescent City.

J. T. Copeland, Orange Park.

George E. Abbott, Margueretta.

Whereupon the Bishop declared a quorum present, and the Council ready for business.

The Council went into the election of a Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Snowden and Dr. Donelly being appointed tellers, who announced the re-election of the Rev. R. H. Weller.

It was

RESOLVED, That whereas, the Diocese of Georgia is now holding its Annual Convention in our neighboring city of Savannah, a committee of two be appointed to send, by telegraph, the greetings of this Council to the Convention of the Diocese of Georgia.

The Bishop appointed as said committee, the Rev. Mr. Weller and Mr. C. B. Benedict.

RESOLVED, That when the Council adjourns, it shall be to meet after Evening Prayer to-night.

On motion, adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, May 4, 9 P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, after Evening Prayer. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. Thackara, Meany and Rodefer appeared and took their seats.

The Committee on Credentials of Lay Deputies reported the following as duly elected to represent St. Peter's Church, Fernandina: Messrs. G. R. Fairbanks, H. E. Dotterer, John Hedges and C. V. Hillyer. Messrs. Fairbanks and Dotterer answered to their names.

On motion, it was

RESOLVED, That visiting brethren be invited to honorary seats in this Council.

In response to this invitation, the Rev. J. M. Stevens, of the Diocese of Illinois, was seated.

The Secretary read the telegram sent, under resolution of the morning session, to the Convention of the Diocese of Georgia, viz :

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.,
May 4, 1881.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Georgia, Savannah, Ga.—

The Diocese of Florida, in Council assembled, sends greeting. Ps. 122.

R. H. WELLER,
C. B. BENEDICT, Committee.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Secretary of the General Convention, on the subject of relief for disabled Clergymen, their widows and orphans. Also, a communication from the Chairman of the Committee on Expenses of the late General Convention, on the subject of the expenses of Deputies from the several Dioceses. Both of which were, on motion, referred to a special committee to report as early as practicable.

Committee appointed under this resolution: The Rev. Messrs. Carter and Thackara, and Messrs. Fairbanks and Dotterer.

On motion, Council adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, May 5, 9 A. M.

The Council was called to order by the Bishop at 9 o'clock a. m.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Standing Committee presented their annual report.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

May 8—The Committee signed testimonials recommending to the Bishop, for Priest's Orders, the Rev. Charles S. Snowden.

September 9—The Rev. O. P. Thackara was chosen President, the Rev. R. H. Weller, Secretary.

Jacob R. Ballard and Jacinto V. Velasco were recommended to the Bishop to be received as candidates for Holy Orders.

Acting as the Diocesan Board of Missions, the Committee appropriated and paid the following stipends since the last Council :

The Rev. Juan B. Baez,.....	\$250.00
The Rev. C. S. Snowden,.....	190.00
The Rev. C. E. McDougal, M. D.....	160.00
The Rev. C. S. Williams,.....	200.00
The Rev. Oliver Taylor,.....	50.00
The Rev. C. P. Rodefer,.....	50.00
The Rev. R. H. Weller, Jr.,.....	25.00
The Rev. F. B. Gilbert,.....	50.00

Total,.....\$975.00

O. P. THACKARA, President.

The Bishop announced the following Standing Committees :

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.—The Rev. Messrs. O. P. Thackara, H. B. S. Martin and E. Roote, and Messrs. Dotterer, Whitfield and Donelly.

ON CANONS.—The Rev. Messrs. Scott, Weller and Rodefer, and Messrs. Fairbanks, Baldwin and Benedict.

ON FINANCE.—Messrs. Fairbanks, Hawkins and Ambler, and Rev. Messrs. Carter and Williams.

ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.—The Rev. Messrs. Williams and Snowden, and Dr. Spence.

ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.—The Rev. Messrs. Meany and Taylor, and Messrs. Copeland and Abbott.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—The Rev. Mr. Snowden and Mr. Conard.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS FROM THE GENERAL CONVENTION.—The Rev. Messrs. Carter and Thackara, and Messrs. Fairbanks and Dotterer.

The Bishop read his annual address. (Appendix A.)

On motion,

RESOLVED, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the plan for systematic contributions proposed by the General Convention, for Missions, be referred to a special Committee of three to report as early as possible.

The Bishop appointed as this Committee, the Rev. Drs. Scott and Carter, and Messrs. Fairbanks and Copeland.

RESOLVED, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to Canon XI., Sec. 4, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Committee on Incorporation of the Diocese, appointed at the last Council, made the following report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Canons.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION.

The Committee appointed under the resolution upon the seventeenth page of the printed Journal of the last Council, respectfully report that an Act embodying the amendments adopted by the last Council to the "Act to Incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida" was introduced into the Assembly early during the last session of the Legislature, passed both Houses and was signed by the Governor. A certified copy of the act accompanies this report. The Act, as amended, reads as follows:

CHAPTER 3352. No. 134.

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to Incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, approved February 10, 1838.

The people of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. That section one of the act named in the title of this act, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: The Bishop and Clergy and Laity of the several parishes composing the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida be, and they are hereby declared to be, a body corporate, by the name and style of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, and they and their successors shall have full power to acquire and be possessed of, and hold for the use and benefit of the said Church, real and personal estate, and to sell, convey and dispose of the same, and to receive and dispose of or convey all gifts, grants and donations of every description whatever, which may be made to the same, and shall have power by their corporate name to sue, and being sued, pleading and being defended, and of using all necessary and proper steps for recovering all property whatever, which said Church may hold or claim, and also

the power to make all necessary rules and regulations for the securing as well the said property as of all the monies, rents, issues and profits growing out of the same, or any part thereof, and shall have a corporate seal which they may renew, alter and change at pleasure.

Sec. 2. The second section of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: All Parishes of said Diocese which may hereafter be formed and established within the same, shall be admitted to the benefits and privileges of said incorporation, upon the principles prescribed, or which may hereafter be prescribed by the rules of said Church, established in Council for the government of the Parishes composing the same, and upon no other principles whatever.

Sec. 3. The third section of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: No lands, tenements, hereditaments, money or other things given to or acquired at any time, or at any place, for the use and benefit of said Church, shall be incumbered or alienated without the consent of the said Diocese, in Council assembled, or of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese, under the direction of the Council.

Approved February 1, 1881.

STATE OF FLORIDA, } ss.
Office Secretary of State.

I, John L. Crawford, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of the original now on file in this office.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 29th day of April, A. D. 1881.

[Seal.]

JOHN L. CRAWFORD, Secretary of State.

Your Committee cannot find that any incorporation was ever effected by the authority of this Act, and they therefore recommend, as the first step, the adoption of the following resolution—

“RESOLVED, That the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the several Parishes composing the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, assembled in Council on this 5th day of May, A. D. 1881, do hereby organize as a body corporate, under authority of an Act approved February 10, 1838, and amended February 1, 1881, to perform all the duties required, and to enjoy all the benefits and privileges conferred by said acts.”

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following by-laws—

1. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be ex-officio President of the Corporation.

2. The Secretary of the Council and the Treasurer of the Diocese shall be the Secretary and the Treasurer of the body, and perform all the duties usually pertaining to those offices.

3. The Bishop, Secretary and Treasurer, together with the Standing Committee of the Diocese, shall constitute an Executive Board, whose duty it shall be to carry out the directions given from time to time by the Council.

4. No Parish shall hereafter be admitted to the benefits and privileges of this Corporation without having first conveyed the title to their Church and the lot upon which it stands, to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the

Diocese of Florida, under such restrictions and conditions as may be prescribed by the Corporation.

With regard to the selection of a seal for the Diocese, your Committee report that they have had correspondence with parties upon the subject, but are not prepared to make any recommendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. CARTER,

R. WALKER,

D. S. WALKER, Committee.

The following resolution was proposed :

RESOLVED, That the amendment to the Constitution proposed at the last Council be now adopted, so that the first paragraph of Article VIII. shall read as follows—"The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall consist of four (4) Clergymen and three (3) Laymen."

A vote by orders was called for by the deputation from St. Mark's Church, Palatka, resulting as follows: Clergy—Ayes 5, noes 9; Laity—Ayes 3, noes 1. So the motion was lost.

The Treasurer made his report, (Appendix C,) which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Rev. Dr. C. H. Hall, of the Diocese of Long Island, and the Rev. S. B. Carpenter, of the Diocese of Ohio, took seats in the Council.

A proposed form for Parochial Reports was presented and referred to a special Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Weller and Snowden.

RESOLVED, That the matter of the Incorporation of the Diocese, under what is called the General Law respecting Incorporation, be referred to a special Committee to report at the next Council.

The Bishop appointed as such Committee the Rev. Dr. Carter, D. S. Walker and Robert Walker.

The following proposed amendments to Canon XVII. were introduced and referred to the Committee on Canons:

SECTION 1. A Diocesan Board of Missions, to consist of three

Clergymen and four Laymen, shall be elected annually by the Council. The Bishop to be ex-officio President of the Board.

SEC. 2. Funds contributed for this purpose shall be dispensed by the Bishop with the advice of the Board.

The following proposed amendment to Article XI. of the Articles of Association, was referred to the Committee on Canons :

Strike out all after the words "shall vest," and insert "in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida."

RESOLVED, That the resolution on the last two lines of the 28d page of the printed Journal of the last Council, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

Dr. J. F. Bythewood, a Deputy from St. Mary's Church, Madison, appeared and took his seat.

RESOLVED, That the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Florida, in Council assembled, do urge upon the Clergy the importance and advantage of using the two daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer wherever practicable, and the Laity are earnestly admonished not to neglect any means of grace brought within their reach.

The following amendments were referred to the Committee on Canons :

Canon IV., paragraph 2, instead of "a baptized person," substitute "a communicant."

Canon XI., section 4, instead of "an adult," substitute "a male of lawful age." Section 5, instead of "an adult," substitute "a male of lawful age;" omit from "either" to "church," and substitute "a communicant of good standing in the Parish."

Article IV., omit "an adult" and substitute "a male of lawful age." Omit from "either" to "church," and substitute "a baptized person."

RESOLVED, That the next Council be held in St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

RESOLVED, That all the meetings of the Council be held in Jacksonville, unless otherwise ordered by the Bishop.

The following was received in response to the greeting sent by the Council to the Convention of the Diocese of Georgia, last evening :

SAVANNAH, GA., May 5, 1881.

To the Council of the Diocese of Florida—

We cordially return your hearty greeting. Pa. 45, verse 5.

Signed,

THOMAS BOONE,

JOHN SCREVEN,

Com. of Convention.

The Council went into the election of officers. The Bishop appointed the Rev. Mr. Bicknell and Dr. Donnelly tellers. The ballot resulted in the following elections :

Treasurer—H. E. Dotterer.

Registrar—A. S. Baldwin, M. D.

Standing Committee—The Revs. O. P. Thackara, R. H. Weller and C. S. Williams, and Messrs. Swann, Daniel and Benedict.

Finance Committee—Messrs. J. J. Daniel, H. E. Dotterer and C. B. Benedict, and Rev. Messrs. Weller and Thackara.

The Secretary presented and read the Fifth Annual Report of the "Woman's Auxiliary Society for Missions," as follows :

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.

Very soon after our last report, in May, A. D. 1881, Miss Julia C. Emery, Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the General Board of Missions, sent a request to the Diocesan Committee of this Branch for a report, to be read before the annual meeting of all the Branches of this great association to be held in New York at the time of the General Convention.

She wished to give the Florida Branch full credit in her annual report for its work, with some account of the way it is done, and for whom.

These statistics and facts were embodied in a report which was

read before the meeting, and which we are gratified to learn was the means of arousing an interest in our part of the Field, the fruit of which has been \$10.00 given by a lady of Philadelphia for our printing-press fund.

At Christmas-tide the feebleness of Missions and Parishes were not forgotten. There was one box furnished from Tallahassee, and seven were prepared and sent by the Branch in Jacksonville, which also supplied the Sunday-Schools of its three suburban Mission chapels.

One new Branch has been formed during the past year, at Ocala. May the interest and zeal with which it has begun its work be daily increased, and may other young Parishes follow its example in the coming year, will be our constant prayer. The whole number of Branches is now twelve.

There are places where the people do not feel able, as yet, to organize a Branch and contribute, yet some lady who is interested in the work in her own home and elsewhere, will occasionally write to the Diocesan Committee what is going on around her—and this, we think, besides being pleasant, is very beneficial in spreading and interchanging news and exciting interest, and we would respectfully suggest that this might be helped on by the influence of those in charge of these scattered places, or by their making known to the Diocesan Secretary names of persons who would be likely to carry on such a correspondence.

The Society has been working on for *five* years amid many discouragements—or, rather, without the encouragement and support it expected from the position it occupies—having been originated and organized by the authorities of the Church and its collecting committees *sent* out as messengers—not going of their mind as voluntary solicitors for an unauthorized organization.

We are still waiting and hoping for this much-needed help and guidance from those who so wisely set us to work.

The long-standing *want* of a newspaper is about to be partially supplied, as a sufficient amount has been collected to purchase a small press, which will enable us to issue a modest little sheet. In reporting this we must, however, add the regret that we could not have had \$40.00 more to get the larger press, first aimed at,

which would have been so much better in every respect, and enabled us to make the mission paper self-supporting.

Although the work has seemed to drag continually, yet we are very thankful to our Heavenly Father that it has, by His blessing, certainly advanced, more having been given during the past year than in any previous one since the beginning of our work, and in all the letters received by us there is a quiet interest expressed which if aroused to enthusiasm would do mighty things. The appended Treasurer's Report shows the total amount of contributions during the past year to be \$1,390.39. (Appendix C.)

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. H. SWART, Directress.

MRS. M. R. BURTON, Treasurer.

MISS H. R. PARKHILL, Secretary.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 5, 1881.

The Committee to whom was referred the communications from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the last General Convention, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

RESOLVED, That this Council deems it best that the General Convention should undertake to provide for the expenses incurred by the Bishops and the clerical members in attending its sessions, by an assessment on each Diocese.

RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee be authorized to make at the meeting of the Annual Council, immediately preceding that of the General Convention, an assessment of ten cents upon each communicant, to be paid within two months after the adjournment of the Council.

With regard to the circular advocating an increase in the fund for disabled clergy, and the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, they recommend that the following resolution be adopted :

RESOLVED, That every Minister in charge of a congregation be requested to reserve, from this time forth, out of the alms and other devotions of the people, collected upon each and every occasion of the administration of the Lord's Supper, a percentage of the whole amount, not less than ONE, nor more than TEN PER CENT., at the discretion of the Minister, the same to

be forwarded and paid over to the Trustees of the fund for the relief of disabled clergymen and the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen.

On motion, the Council adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, May 6, 1881.

The Council met at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The resolution fixing the future meetings of the Council in Jacksonville was reconsidered and withdrawn, as it conflicted with Article II. of the Constitution.

The Secretary was directed to correct the third Rule of Order, by inserting the names of Committees omitted.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Council are tendered to the Woman's Auxiliary Society for their zealous and successful labors in supporting the Missions of the Diocese during the past year.

The Committee on Finance made their report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report:

That they have examined the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, compared the same with the vouchers and find the same correct.

The Committee regret to find by the report of the Treasurer the sum of \$549.25 of the assessment of \$1,411.00, assessed upon the Parishes last year, has not been paid. This leaves an indebtedness, added to that reported for previous years, of \$2,255.92, and indicates the creation of a growing debt which already embarrasses the Diocese, and will, unless checked by some earnest and prompt effort of the Parishes, cripple and weigh down upon the Diocese to the serious detriment and injury of all its spiritual and temporal interests.

The assessment upon the Parishes, if promptly collected quarterly, would be likely to be met with more certainty than if deferred to the close of the year, and there would be seldom a total failure to meet any part of the assessment. The Committee would recommend that the Treasurer send notices quarterly to the Rector of each Parish of the amount of assessment on such Parish and the amount remaining due. The Committee would recommend that authority be given to the Treasurer to compromise all indebtedness of more than one year's standing of the Parishes, at his discretion, for good cause shown, with the assent of the Finance Committee.

The expenses of the Diocese required to be met from the general fund for the ensuing year are estimated as follows:

For Bishop's Salary.....	\$2,000 00
For Books for Missions.....	10 00
Printing Journal.....	80 00
Postage, etc.....	15 00
Contingent expenses of Standing Committee.....	25 00
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	\$2,130 00
The assessments made in the ensuing schedule amount only to the sum of.....	1,560 00
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Being less than the sum required by.....	570 00

The Committee have felt unwilling, against the views of the representatives of the Parish, to increase the amount of their respective assessments, hoping, however, that the increasing settlement of the State and future prosperity of the Diocese will shortly enable us to meet all our requirements. In the meantime, we must rely upon a full and punctual payment of every dollar assessed for the present year and the collection of a sufficient portion of the past indebtedness to meet the deficiency.

The Committee report the following schedule of assessments for the ensuing year:

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS.

Trinity Church,	St. Augustine,	\$50 00
St. John's,	Tallahassee,	150 00
St. Paul's,	Key West,	250 00
St. John's,	Jacksonville,	350 00
St. James,	Lake City,	20 00
St. Mary's,	Milton,	40 00
St. Luke's,	Marianna,	20 00
Trinity,	Apalachicola,	10 00
Christ,	Pensacola,	240 00
St. Mark's,	Palatka,	50 00
St. Peter's,	Fernandina,	100 00
Christ,	Monticello,	30 00
Trinity,	Gainesville,	30 00
Mission at	Maitland,	20 00
Mission at	Sanford,	10 00
Mission at	Longwood	5 00
Mission at	Orlando,	10 00
Mission at	Margaretta,	5 00
St. Matthews Mission, . .	San Mateo,	10 00
Holy Comforter,	Crescent City,	10 00
Grace Mission,	Orange Park,	10 00
Mission at	Cedar Keys,	30 00
Church of our Savior, . .	Mandarin,	10 00
St. Mary's Mission, . . .	Green Cove,	20 00
Grace Church,	Ocala,	30 00
All Saints Mission . . . .	. . . .	10 00
Santa Fe Mission, . . . .	. . . .	20 00
St. Mary's,	Madison,	20 00
Total,		<u>\$1,560 00</u>

G. R. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that they had examined the Journal of the last Council, and found nothing calling for the attention of this Council.

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer pay to the Secretary the sum of \$50.00 to defray the expenses of his office.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor was excused from attendance on the Council after to-day.

RESOLVED, That whereas this Council thinks it not only important, but

indispensably necessary, that the subject of Christian education should enlist the deepest interest throughout the Diocese; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Christian Education be required to lay before the next Council a carefully prepared address recommending for the present work of Church schools plans which have been proved feasible in the experience of other Dioceses.

The Committee on Incorporation introduced the following:

RESOLVED, That the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the several Parishes composing the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, assembled in Council on this 6th day of May, A. D. 1881, do hereby organize as a body corporate, under authority of an Act approved February 10, 1838, and amended February 1, 1881, to perform all the duties required, and to enjoy all the benefits and privileges conferred by said Acts.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following by-laws—

1. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be ex-officio President of the Corporation.

2. The Secretary of the Council and the Treasurer of the Diocese shall be the Secretary and the Treasurer of the body, and perform all the duties usually pertaining to those offices.

3. The Bishop, Secretary and Treasurer, together with the Standing Committee of the Diocese, shall constitute an Executive Board, whose duty it shall be to carry out the directions given from time to time by the Council.

4. No Parish shall hereafter be admitted to the benefits and privileges of this Corporation without having first conveyed the title to their Church and the lot upon which it stands, to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, under such restrictions and conditions as may be prescribed by this Corporation.

The Committee on Canons presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred a portion of the Bishop's Address, relative to Sec. 4 of Canon XI., have had the proposed change of said Canon under consideration, and respectfully report that regarding the Canon as tentative, and feeling that it has not had an opportunity of being tested, and for the further reason that they are unanimously agreed upon the principle expressed in the Canon, they are unwilling to recommend any change at the present time.

The Committee further report upon the proposed amendment to Canon XVII., Section 1, entitled "Of Duty in Regard to Missions," that having considered the same they regard such change at this time as inexpedient.

The Committee further report upon the proposed amendment to Canon XI., Sec. 5, that with the exception of the insertion of the word "and" after the word "church," in the third line, to correct a clerical error, they regard such amendment as inexpedient.

The Committee further report back the amendment to Canon XIX., found upon page 21 of Journal of 1880, and referred to this Council by resolution on page 23, in the following amended form and recommend its passage.

Canon XIX., after paragraph 5 insert as follows :

"Any clergyman in charge of an organized Mission may appoint one layman, a male communicant of the Church in good standing in the Mission, to represent the Mission in the Diocesan Council, who shall have all the rights and privileges of lay deputies, except that he shall have no vote on any question or matter."

The Committee further report back the proposed amendment of Article XI., of the "Articles of Association in Organizing Parishes," amended so that the same shall read as follows :

"ARTICLE XI. In the case of the dissolution or extinction of this Association for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estates, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida."

The Committee have carefully examined the charter and amendments thereto attached to the report of the special committee upon the incorporation of the Diocese and the resolutions appended to said report, and recommend the adoption of the same.

Unanimously reported.

J. J. SCOTT,	}	Committee on Canons.
R. H. WELLER,		
C. P. RODEFER,		
G. R. FAIRBANKS,		
A. S. BALDWIN,		
C. B. BENEDICT,		

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Canons on Section 4, of Canon XI, be adopted.

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Canons on Section 5, of Canon XI., be adopted.

RESOLVED, That the amendment of Article XI., of the Articles of Association, recommended by the Committee on Canons, be adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Carter and Messrs. Bythewood, Copeland and Conard were excused from attendance on the Council after to-day. Messrs. Dotterer and Fairbanks were also excused.

An election for Deputies to the General Convention was had, Rev. Mr. Bicknell and Dr. Donelly being tellers, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. R. H. Weller, Rev. O. P. Thackara, Rev. J. J. Scott, D.D., and Rev. W. H. Carter, D. D., of the clergy, and Messrs. H. E. Dotterer, J. J. Daniel, R. Walker and W. E. Anderson of the laity.

The Committee on Canons made the following report :

The Committee on Canons, to whom were referred the proposed amendment to Section 1, Canon IV., striking out, in the 9th line, the words "a baptized person," and inserting the words "a communicant," have had the same under consideration, and respectfully recommend that the said amendment be adopted.

Signed,

J. J. SCOTT,
R. H. WELLER,
C. P. RODEFER,
G. R. FAIRBANKS,
A. S. BALDWIN.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

Whereupon, the Council adjourned till after Evening Prayer, at 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 6, 9 P. M.

The Council assembled after Divine service, the Rev. Dr. Scott in the chair.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The reading of the Parochial and Missionary Reports (Appendix B.) being the order for the day, the time of the session was consumed by the accounts of several of the clergy of the progress of the Church in their respective fields, after which, on motion, the Council adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. on Saturday.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, May 7, 9 A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of yesterday evening's session were read and approved.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report that an examination and consideration of the Parochial and Missionary reports impresses them with the belief that there has been no falling off in the earnest and well-directed labors of the clergy in the past conventional year. What is worthy of notice, and of thankfulness to God, is the large and hearty response of the laity to the teaching and labors of the clergy. The increase of their contributions to missionary work in the Diocese, and their helping hands in the work going on in the several Parishes, is an evidence of their interest in the extending and building up of the Church of our Lord.

The new fields of labor opened and occupied during the past year, the church buildings commenced, together with those completed, and the earnest call for missionary labor by the laity in newly-settled portions of the State, holds out the promise of a larger work and more blessed results in the coming than in any

past year. As a Diocese we seem to be sharing in the spirit manifested by the late General Convention—an intense longing to lay aside and ignore everything that in past years had proved a hindrance to the accomplishing of the work laid by God upon our branch of the Catholic Church, even of carrying the blessed Gospel of our Lord to all sorts and conditions of men.

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL AND MISSIONARY REPORTS.

Number of Families,	.....	.....	.....	.....	946
Individuals not thus included,	.....	.....	.....	.....	962
Number of Sitzings,...	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,245
Baptisms—Adults,	.....	.....	.....	.....	35
Infants,....	.....	.....	.....	.....	267
Total,	.....	.....	.....	.....	297
Lay Readers,	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
Confirmed,	.....	.....	.....	.....	76
Communicants—Admitted,	.....	.....	.....	.....	97
Added by Removal,...	.....	.....	.....	.....	48
Lost by Removal,	.....	.....	.....	.....	68
Lost by Death,	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Present number,	.....	.....	.....	... ..	1,651
Marriages,	.....	.....	.....	.....	107
Burials,....	.....	.....	.....	.....	157
Sunday Schools--Teachers, .	.....	.....	.....	.....	176
Scholars,	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,457
Parish Schools,—Teachers...	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Scholars,	.....	.....	.....	.....	224
Contributions—Parochial, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$15,151 06
Diocesan Assessments	.....	.....	.....	.....	907 62
Diocesan Missions, ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,601 48
Domestic Missions,	.....	.....	.....	.....	104 86
Other Objects,	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,201 58
Total,	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$24,012 06

O. P. THACKARA, Chairman.

It was

RESOLVED, That the Executive Board of the Diocese, provided for yesterday, be, and hereby is, directed and empowered to make such additional by-laws and adopt such other measures for carrying out the purposes and directing the routine of business in the interval between this and the next succeeding Council as they may deem best for the interests of the Church, provided that the said Executive Board shall make full report of its action under this resolution to the next Diocesan Council.

The Special Committee on tabulated forms for Parochial and Missionary Reports, presented certain recommendations, which, on motion, the Secretary was directed to add to the present form.

The Committee on systematic contributions for Domestic Missions, made the following report :

Your Committee recommend that the Council adopt the plan for collection of funds for General Missions, proposed by the late General Convention, and that the subscription books for the same be procured and distributed among the Clergy, with the earnest exhortation that they press the matter upon the attention of their people.

J. J. SCOTT, Chairman.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Dr. Carter as Preacher for the next Council, and the Rev. Mr. Martin as his substitute.

RESOLVED, That after the reading of the minutes and the usual devotions, this Council adjourn sine die.

JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG, S.T.D.,
Bishop of Florida.

R. H. WELLER,
Secretary of Council.

CHANGES IN CANONS.

Canon IV., Section 1, strike out "baptized person," and insert "communicant."

Canon XI., Section 5, after the word "church," in third line, insert "and."

Canon XIX., after Section 5, add "Any Clergyman in charge of an organized Mission, may appoint one Layman, a male communicant of the Church, in good standing in the Mission, to represent the Mission in the Diocesan Council, who shall have all the rights and privileges of Lay Deputies, except that he shall have no vote on any question or matter."

Article XI. of the Articles of Association is amended so as to read: "In the case of the dissolution or extinction of this association, from any cause whatever, the lands, tenements and other estates, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida."

APPENDICES.

(APPENDIX A.)

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :

The lapse of another year brings us together to take council respecting the well-being of that portion of the Kingdom of God upon earth, which, in the order of His Providence, He hath committed to our care.

Since our last Council, two brethren who were then of our number, have been called by the LORD of the Harvest, to give an account of their stewardship.

The Rev. Frank B. Gilbert, who had been for sometime Missionary at Marianna, departed this life, at Marianna, on the 20th of July, 1880. I had no personal acquaintance with him, never having even seen him, but from what I have heard of him, he was a man of superior ability, though his efficiency was much impaired by his feeble health from pulmonary disease, aggravated by other infirmities, which culminated in his premature death a few weeks after the affliction of total blindness had come upon him.

The Rev. Charles A. Gilbert, brother of the aforementioned, died at his post, in Key West, of yellow fever, on the 8th of November, 1880. Only two years and a few days intervened between the death of Mr. Gilbert and that of his predecessor, the Rev. Dr. Steele, who died in the same Rectory, of the same disease. The loss of two Rectors within so short a period, so unsparing in labours and so greatly

beloved as they both were, is a sore affliction to befall any Parish, and especially one so difficult to fill as is St. Paul's, on account of its being liable to a visitation of yellow fever at any time during the summer months. I felt Mr. Gilbert's death to be a severe affliction to myself and the Diocese, as well as to his Parish. He was singularly fitted for his position and work, and in the course of the first year of his Rectorship, he so won upon the confidence and high appreciation of the whole community, that the School Fund of that city, and the conduct of all the schools, was, without restrictive conditions, turned over into his hands. On visiting the admirably managed schools, and perceiving the heavy addition that this charge made to his exhaustive labours in serving at the same time both St. Paul and St. Peter's Parishes, I was so apprehensive of serious results that I earnestly remonstrated with him for undertaking more than any constitution can long endure in a debilitating tropical climate. I believe that exhaustion of his vital energies by over-work was the real cause of his death; for, as I have been informed, there was no fever during the summer in that part of the city in which the Rectory is situated, and for six weeks before his death he had been confined to his residence by an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, and so had not been exposed to the malarial influence of the affected district.

Besides the death of these two brethren of the Clergy, I have to record here the death of Mr. E. J. Hyde, who was admitted a candidate for Holy Orders in March, 1879, and died very suddenly in this city on the 9th of November, 1880. He was a man of superior ability and attainments, and gave promise of much usefulness to the Church.

On Sunday after Ascension, 1880, it being the Sunday following the close of our last Diocesan Council, in S. John's Church, Jacksonville, I admitted to the Priesthood, the Rev. Charles S. Snowden, Deacon, and to the Diacon-

ate Mr. Reginald Heber Weller, Jr. The candidate for the Priesthood was presented by the Rev. Mr. Meany, and the candidate for the Diaconate by the Rev. Dr. Carter, the Rector of the Parish, and the Rev. Messrs. Williams and Rodefer also, being present and assisting.

On Thursday, June 17th, I performed the marriage service in my own house, a member of my household being the bride.

On Thursday, June 24th, I laid the corner stone of the church at Orange Park. The Rector of S. John's, Jacksonville, and the Missionary at Orange Park assisted in the services, and the Rev. Mr. Weller made the address. The church has since then been completed, excepting the seats and furniture. It is churchly and pleasing in style, and a very satisfactory success for a building of its cost. The plans were furnished gratuitously by Mr. Robert S. Schuyler, to whom we are indebted so much for the interest he has taken, and the aid he has given, in the erection of church buildings in this Diocese.

On the 5th Sunday after Trinity, in the absence of the Rector, I said Morning and Evening Prayer in S. John's, Jacksonville, Mr. L. I. Fleming assisting me by reading the Lessons.

On the 6th Sunday after Trinity I assisted in the services and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. John's Church, Jacksonville.

On Wednesday, July 7th, I performed the Burial Service in S. John's, Jacksonville, the Rector being absent.

On Friday, July 9th, I left home for the North to spend the Summer, in quest of the re-establishment of my health.

On Wednesday, July 14th, in the City of New York, I held a confirmation, in a case of emergency, for the Bishop of New York, in the chapel of the Midnight Mission, and subsequently preached in Zion Church, Newport; but finding, as the result of that effort, that my strength was not

sufficiently restored to enable me to preach without detriment, I declined all pulpit ministrations to which I was solicited during my absence.

Upon the meeting of the General Convention, on the 6th of October, in the City of New York, I was in my place as a member of the House of Bishops, and attended upon its sessions until its close on the 27th of the same month. Its proceedings were so fully reported at the time, and so generally made known by the Church press, and were so satisfactory to the Church generally, that there is no occasion for me to discuss them here, excepting one matter, which demands our practical consideration and action, both as individuals and as a Diocese. This is the matter of personal subscription, in all the Parishes throughout the Church, to the funds for sustaining our Domestic and Foreign Missions. The uncertainty as to what amount could be depended upon for any year under the old system, has been a perpetual source of embarrassment to the Missionary Committees in fixing upon the sums that it would be safe to appropriate to the several Dioceses, and no less embarrassing was the uncertainty to the Bishops, who never knew until the middle of December what they could depend upon for sustaining missionary work in their respective Dioceses for the then current year. To the Southern Dioceses this was especially unfortunate, as we have to arrange in the Autumn for the year's work. The uncertainty as to the amount to be expected added to this rendered the matter one of severe trial to every Bishop. The annual appropriations to this Diocese during the last thirteen years have been sometimes as high as twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars, and from that down to twelve hundred and fifty. The uncertainty and perplexity that must harass a Bishop under the operations of such a system can be readily imagined. The substitute proposed for this, and with great unanimity, at the last General Convention, was personal

annual subscriptions, to be paid in quarterly installments, and to continue in force until notice is given to the contrary, by all the members of the Church in every Parish throughout the land, so far as they can be secured by the procurement or under the direction of all the Rectors and Missionaries of the Church. Under this system the Missionary Committees, and the Bishops as well, will know beforehand what can be depended upon, and, if the clergy do their duty, a very large increase will be realized in the annual contributions of the Church and the work of Missions. I commend this matter most earnestly to the churchmen of this Diocese, and as our contributions have habitually been so small hitherto, for the general work of missions, and our need of aid is so great in the prosecution of our Diocesan work, as it will continue to be for some time to come, I hope that my brethren of the clergy will do their best in pressing this matter upon their people and securing the most successful results possible. Let none hesitate under the apprehension that by so doing they will diminish the contributions of their people for home necessities, for the more people are educated up to giving freely for the general work of the Church, the more ready will they be to contribute to sustaining parochial and home work. I wrote more than a week ago for a full supply of subscription books for all the clergy, which I hope to receive before we separate. Failing in this I will send them by post as soon as received.

For several weeks after my return home from the North I was too much indisposed in health to enter upon my visitations.

On the third Sunday, in Advent I visited Federal Point, conducted the Morning Services and preached. From Federal Point I went to Hibernia to take measurements of the church with reference to supplying the windows and furniture.

On Thursday, the 16th of December, I left for Sanford,

to have settled and completed the measures preliminary to the erection of a new church in the place of the one entirely destroyed by the cyclone of August 29th, 1880. All was arranged satisfactorily. Plans were agreed upon, the lumber ordered, and the building, I am informed, is now nearly completed. It will be superior in all respects to the one destroyed, and, indeed, one of the most complete and beautiful in the Diocese.

Christmas day and the Sunday following I spent at Federal Point, performing the services without aid, preaching and celebrating the Holy Eucharist. The object of this second visit so soon after the first was to secure the erection of a church edifice in the near future suitable for that interesting and intelligent community, nearly all of whom are church people. Since then the fund, which has been for some time slowly accumulating, has been increased to a sum nearly sufficient to complete the church, an eligible lot has been promised of sufficient size for the church and future Rectory, by the family of one of the earliest settlers of that place, whose memory is revered by all; and I hope that by next Christmas the church will be completed, or well advanced towards completion.

On Wednesday, December the 29th, I confirmed *one* person in S. John's Church, Jacksonville.

On the second Sunday after Christmas I visited Grace Church, Ocala. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and at night, after Evening Prayer and a sermon by the Missionary in charge, I confirmed *three*. The church edifice there has been erected since my last visitation, and with the prospected growth of the place will, very soon, no doubt, have to be enlarged.

On the fourth Sunday after the Epiphany I assisted in the services and preached in S. John's Church, Jacksonville.

On Wednesday, the 16th of February, I left home for

the visitation of the western portion of my Diocese. On Sexagesima Sunday I visited Christ Church, Pensacola. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and in the afternoon, after a most excellent and impressive address by the Rector to his people, I confirmed a very interesting class of *twenty-one*. Since my last visitation of this Parish, with the exception of the old and very substantial brick walls of nave and tower, a new church for the most part has been erected. The open timber roof, from designs by Haight, is very fine and effective; the tower has been built up to a good height proportionately to the nave, and furnished with a Norman roof with gabled dormors, one in each of its four sides.

Tuesday, Feb. 22d, I went to Milton for the visitation of S. Mary's Church, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Scott, but on arriving I was obliged by indisposition to take my bed, and was unable to leave the house of my host till the second day following. Dr. Scott kindly preached for me at the appointed service, after which the candidates for confirmation, being *two* in number, accompanied by friends, came to my lodgings and were there confirmed. On the 24th I returned to Pensacola, and after reaching there confirmed, in private, Mr. Cornelius A. Apple, late a Minister of distinction among the Methodists, but since admitted by me as a candidate for Holy Orders.

On Quinquagesima Sunday, in Pensacola, I confirmed *one* person in private.

The first Sunday in Lent I visited S. Luke's, Marianna. In the morning I conducted the services and preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, and in the afternoon I baptized two infants and confirmed *five* persons. The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday following I said prayers in the same church. On Tuesday I baptized two infants, and on Wednesday I preached, and after service met the congregation for conference as to what could be done

towards the support of a Missionary. In consequence of the disasters of last year, in the almost total failure of the crops in that region, it was concluded, after a full consideration of the matter, that it would not be safe to make any pledges at that time, but the determination was expressed to make an effort in the Autumn, should not last year's disasters be repeated, to secure the services of a clergyman, for a part of his time, if unable to do more. I appointed Lay Readers and a Superintendent of the Sunday School and a new set of officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, and urged upon the people the importance of keeping up lay services and the Sunday School until they are able to secure a Missionary. The church here has been built since my last visit to Marianna. It is beautiful and complete, excepting the chancel furniture, with fine stained glass windows, which, besides the seats, chancel rail, hardware and painting, were the generous gift of Mr. C. B. Benedict, of S. John's Church, Jacksonville.

On the second Sunday in Lent I visited Trinity Church, Apalachicola. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. In the afternoon I baptised four infants, and at night I preached and confirmed *six*. One of the number was eighty years old, less one day, and though he had been a life-long churchman he had put off his confirmation to the last hours of the evening of life. Monday and Tuesday I spent in visiting every family of the congregation. I was gratified in finding matters brighter and more hopeful, as respects both the parish and town, than I expected. I was assured of five hundred dollars as a minimum towards the support of a clergyman, even for half of his time, and I hope, in the coming Autumn, to secure the services of a suitable man to divide his time, at first, between this place and Marianna.

On the fourth Sunday in Lent I visited S. Mary's Church

at Green Cove Springs, preached, and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.

Monday, March 28th, I proceeded to Federal Point for a special confirmation. The candidate, who is a lady of high respectability and intelligence, was raised a Methodist, and for years had been in communion with that body; but having had her attention called to the claims of the church since she became a resident near Federal Point, she read a good deal upon the subject with intelligent interest, and became so positive in her convictions that she desired to be fixed in the church before returning to her relatives in Tennessee for the Summer, as she was then about to do. To meet her wishes in this matter I made this special visit, and confirmed her after Evening Prayer and a sermon, a crowded and interested congregation being present.

On the fifth Sunday in Lent I visited Lake City. In the morning I preached and confirmed *five*, and at night I preached again, the Missionary saying the prayers. The church here, too, has been built since I last visited this place, and I was gratified to find it so carefully executed and so churchly and satisfactory in its general effect.

On Palm Sunday I visited S. Mark's Church, Palatka. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and at night I again preached and confirmed *four*.

On Good Friday I confirmed *one* person in S. John's Jacksonville.

On Easter Day I visited S. John's, Jacksonville. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Reed, I confirmed *fifteen*.

On the first Sunday after Easter I visited Trinity Church, S. Augustine. In the morning I preached, and in the afternoon I preached again and confirmed *seven*.

On Friday, April 29th, I visited Orange Park, preached

and confirmed *four*, the Rev. Mr. Taylor, the Missionary, and the Rev. Mr. Sturges, of Mandarin, being present and assisting in the services. The church edifice, the cornerstone of which I laid just before leaving for the North last Summer, I found completed, excepting the seats and furniture, and it is a very satisfactory and churchly building. The stained glass windows are particularly good for that grade of work.

On the second Sunday after Easter in S. John's Church, Jacksonville, I assisted in the services and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in the morning, and in the afternoon, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Weller and his Assistant, the Rev. Mr. Bicknell, I went to Brooklyn, a suburb of Jacksonville, to open and bless the new chapel just completed there, which is unusually satisfactory and pleasant for its cost. The services were very spirited and impressive, the sermon was by myself, and the attendance indicated more than ordinary interest, as quite a number stood out of doors during the entire services, being unable to obtain even standing room within the building.

I have been surprised, I might say startled, since resuming the general visitation of the Diocese, that was intermitted for two years on account of my sickness, to find what changes and innovations in the manner of performing Divine service have been introduced by different clergymen during that time. In some congregations the old responsive manner of saying the two clauses of the Gloria Patri is superceded by the simultaneous utterance of both clauses by priest and people saying them together; in other congregations, the first four suffrages of the Litany are said simultaneously by minister and people, instead of being uttered responsively, as has been the unvarying custom of the Church of England ever since the Reformation, and indeed, of universal Christendom from the beginning in all

similar offices, as any one can see for himself who will examine the different Liturgical Offices which have been in use through the ages all along; while in other congregations the practice has come to prevail of the people uniting vocally with the Priest in saying the General Thanksgiving in the Morning and Evening Prayer and Litany. Besides these more marked and annoying innovations in the manner of performing Divine service, I have noticed several less conspicuous ones, such as altering the text of the Prayer Book, appointing services not provided for by the Church, and introducing into the public worship of the Church unauthorized, and in some respects objectionable formularies of devotional worship. For instance, I recently heard substituted for the word "saying" at the end of the Exhortation, before the Confession in the Morning and Evening Prayer, the phrase "devoutly kneeling and saying after me," and in another case there was a paraphrase of the prayer for a person going to sea, as follows: "O, Eternal God, who alone spreadest out the Heavens and rulest the destinies of men, we commend to thy Almighty protection, thy servant, for whose preservation on his journey we offer unto Thee our prayers," and so on to the end of the prayer. I scarcely need say that alterations of the text of the Prayer Book, either by substitution, addition, or omission, is a violation of our ordination vows, as well as some of the canons of the Church; while changes and innovations upon the accustomed manner of performing the public worship of the Church, disturbs and annoys, by surprising and putting at fault members of other congregations present for worship who have been accustomed to the old traditional uses which are virtually the unwritten law of the Church. During my recent visitation of the Parishes of East Florida, I felt chagrined and mortified as I reflected upon the impression that our singular want of uniformity must produce upon the

hundreds and thousands of churchmen from every part of the land who throng our Churches during every winter, passing constantly from one to another. They must surely come to the conclusion that Florida, as a Diocese, has no government, or law, or established usage, and wonder how its Bishop can permit such innovations and confusion. You will all bear me witness, dear brethren, that whatever defects my administration of this Diocese may have had, an attempt to magnify my office by governing over much, has not been one of them. It was a saying of the father of his country, that "that is the best government which governs least," and considering how annoying and vexatious a Bishop can make himself and his Clergy by constantly intermeddling with and dictating to them in the details of their work, requiring that all shall yield conformity to his individual preferences and caprices, I fear that I have sometimes erred in the other direction by allowing too much latitude to personal fancies and idiosyncracies. My judgment as the Ordinary of the Diocese, and my directions to the Clergy upon matters of Ritual, I very unequivocally set forth in the charge I published on that subject some years ago. I beg that those of the Clergy who have forgotten its utterances will reperuse it and that all will regard it as the rule of the Diocese touching the matters upon which it treats. And I trust that all the innovations upon the old usages of the church that have been specified in this address, will be immediately discontinued wherever they have been introduced.

Another matter that has unfavorably impressed me during my recent visitations is the shock which has been given to the Diocese by the enactment, at the last meeting of the Council, of Section 4, of Canon "Of Organized Parishes," prohibiting any one being elected a vestryman who is not a communicant. I stated at the time it was first reported by the Committee on Canons, my strong conviction of the

inexpediency of such an enactment in the present condition of the Diocese. What I then thought and felt has been strengthened four-fold by my observations of the impression it has produced, and the hindrance it will prove to the progress of the work of the church in the Diocese should it remain in its present shape. It would actually wipe out of existence half a dozen Parishes, some of which have been organized for years. But my chief objection to it is its unchurchliness, in that it belittles the office of baptism and ignores the blessings and rights which this sacrament confers upon those who receive it. By this it is, and by nothing else, that we are engrafted into Christ, and thereby made members of His church and as such become entitled to those rights and privileges which members of the church have, like the members of all other societies, one of the most fundamental of which is, the right to participate in the election of its officers, or to hold its offices if elected thereto. It is true that it is the duty of baptised persons to communicate, and so it is their duty to be faithful in prayer, in watchfulness, in almsgiving, and in fulfilling all the precepts of CHRIST. But to substitute one's performance occasionally, perhaps, of one or another Christian duty for baptism, as the ground of his right to the privileges of membership in the church of God is quite to reverse the ordinance of CHRIST.

If for the phrase in Section 4, of the Canon, I am discussing, "a communicant in good standing," there be substituted the phrase "a baptised member of the Church," I shall most heartily approve of it, not only as being more churchly, but as removing the great barrier which the Canon, as it now stands, will prove to the easy progress of the work of the Church. And I sincerely hope that the modification suggested, or some equivalent change in it will be made before this Council adjourns.

The condition of the church in this Diocese is better, and

her prospects in the near future are very much brighter than they have ever been before. The steady increase of immigration of an excellent character, for the most part, with the certainty of a very much larger one upon the completion of the important internal improvements now in progress, or assured, will place Florida abreast in population with the average of the larger States, when the Church will reap her share of the advantages of a larger field with proportionately increased means. The relative gain she has made on the population in the last ten years, as appears by a comparison of the communicants with the population in 1870 and 1880, has been a very cheering surprise to me, as it will be, I doubt not, to you all. In 1870 we had one communicant for every 322 of the population, while in 1880 we have the ratio of one communicant to every 172 of the population, showing a gain of the church on the same of 150 per cent. I hope this ratio may be sustained and increased in the future, and I see no reason why it should not be. The present healthy and vigorous condition of the church's life is being strikingly manifested, as in other ways, so especially in the erection of churches. There are now completed, or advancing to completion, and probably to be consecrated during the coming year, the churches at Pensacola, Marianna, Tallahassee, Lake City, Orange Park, Green Cove Springs, Welaka, Sanford, Longwood, Maitland, Cedar Keys, Fairbanks, Waldo, Santa Fe, and Ocala. Besides these I have in bank fifteen hundred dollars, given by Mrs. Ellen E. Ward, of the City of New York, for the erection of a church on Fort George Island, which will be done as soon as the builder shall have completed a contract he is now engaged on. Also, I was promised a few days since one thousand dollars by Mr. C. N. Beach, of the Diocese of Connecticut, to be expended in aid of church building, according to my discretion. At Madison a lot has been secured and nearly enough pledged

for the erection of a church, and at Federal Point, also, nearly or quite enough is in hand and a lot promised; and at several other places steps have been taken looking to the same end. The Women's Auxiliary, which two years ago gave alarming symptoms of a fatal decline, has in the last year greatly revived, its contributions in aid of the Missionary work of the Diocese exceeding those of any previous year, excepting the first after its organization.

The financial delinquencies of the Diocese is the least promising feature of its present condition, but it is to be hoped that with the quickened life and growing strength of the church, this will ere long materially improve. We have, on the whole, abundant encouragement to quicken our zeal and stimulate us to redoubled efforts in every department of the church's work. May God give us grace duly to estimate its transcendent importance, and acquit ourselves of the responsibilities which its magnitude imposes upon us.

Since the last meeting of this Council, I have received into this Diocese, by Letters Dismissory, the Rev. Charles P. Rodefer, from the Diocese of Tennessee; the Rev. Charles M. Sturges, from the Diocese of Southern Ohio; the Rev. Jesse R. Bicknell, from the Diocese of Indiana, and the Rev. Charles W. Ward, from the Diocese of Western Michigan.

I have received the following notices of depositions from the Holy Ministry:

By the Bishop of Kansas, of the Rev. George W. Morrill.

By the Bishop of New York, of the Rev. Morris Ashurst Tyng, Presbyter, for causes not affecting his moral character.

By the Bishop of Maine, acting for the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese of New Hampshire, of the Rev. William Stevens Tucker, Deacon.

I have received notice from the Bishop of Virginia of the final rejection of the application for Holy Orders of Richard A. Payne, a candidate for Deacon's Orders, and of his refusal to admit as candidates for Holy Orders, Theophilus S. Alfriend, and John A. Crocket.

Also, I have received notice from the Bishop of Ohio, of his refusal of admission as a candidate for Holy Orders of John Boynes.

I have received notice from the Bishop of Colorado, of the remission and termination of the sentence of deposition pronounced by him on the 9th of June, 1876, upon the Rev. William J. Lynd, Presbyter.

Also, notice from the Bishop of Ohio, of the restoration to the Holy Ministry of the Rev. John Wesley Craft.

Commending ourselves, dear brethren, and each other to CHRIST our GOD, let us devoutly invoke the presence and aid of His blessed SPIRIT to direct us in all our works and ways.

JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG,
Bishop of Florida.

(APPENDIX B.)

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

No. of families, 175. Individuals not thus included, 150. Total of souls, 1,121. No. of sittings, 1,200. Baptisms—Adults, 5 ; infants, 40 ; total, 45. Lay Readers, 6. Confirmed, 19. Communicants—Admitted, 33 ; added by removal, 20 ; lost by removal, 14 ; lost by death, 5 ; present number, 320. Marriages, 19. Burials, 38. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 31, scholars, 350.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$3,222 22
Diocesan Assessment.....	850 00
Diocesan Missions.....	722 85
Domestic Missions.....	28 00
Building Chapel.....	700 00
Disabled Clergy and their families.....	49 50
Sunday School.....	319 52
Ladies' Aid Society.....	328 00
Other objects.....	274 20
Total.....	\$5,993 79

REMARKS.—The Rector gladly acknowledges the valuable services rendered by his Assistant, the Rev. J. R. Bicknell, who entered upon his duties on the 1st of January.

Services, besides those in St. John's Church on Sundays and daily, are maintained, monthly, at St. Nicholas and Baldwin, and on every Sunday afternoon at St. Philip's, St. Stephen's, and The Good Shepard's Chapel, in the suburbs of Jacksonville. In all these places Sunday Schools are in successful operation

The ladies of the Parish deserve the most hearty commendation of their Rector, for their devoted and loving

work in the Sewing Society, the Industrial School, and especially the Auxiliary Society for Diocesan Missions. Like Mary, of blessed memory, who annointed the feet of Jesus, they have, with willing hearts, done what they could. May He reward them sevenfold! But no record of the Parish would be full or just, without honorable mention of its Sunday School. It has not only maintained its own expenses, but contributed largely to the establishment and support of the Missions of the Parish, and sent forth, wherever needed, its cheerful aid to the feebler missionary fields of the Diocese. May its members grow up into faithful workers for the Master, and receive His choicest blessings here and hereafter;

R. H. WELLER, Rector.

J. R. BICKNELL, Assistant.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TALLAHASSEE.

Baptisms—Infants, 8; Lay Readers, 1; Confirmed, 6. Communicants—Admitted, 6; added by removal, 7; dropped under Canon XV., 15; lost by removal, 7; lost by death, 2; present number, 109. Marriages, 1; Burials, 14. Sunday School—Teachers, 9; scholars, 60.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 951 60
Diocesan Assessment.....	27 25
Diocesan Missions.....	122 75
Building Fund.....	1,500 00
Other Objects.....	89 25
Total.....	\$2,640 85

REMARKS.—The first service was held in the new church on Easter morning. It is not yet finished, and has cost thus far a little over four thousand dollars. It is entirely free from debt.

W. H. CARTER, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA.

No. of families, 70. Individuals not thus included, 90. Total of souls, 500. No. of sittings, 400. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 15; total, 17. Lay Readers, 2. Confirmed, 23. Communicants—Admitted, 23; added by removal, 6; lost by removal, 4; lost by death, 2; present number, 177. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Sunday School—Teachers, 13; scholars, 130. Parish School—Teachers, 2; scholars, 51.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$2,441 65
Diocesan Assessment.....	195 00
Diocesan Missions.....	29 50
Other Objects.....	275 00
Total.....	\$2,936 65

REMARKS.—Our church debt has been paid, and we are now in a good working condition.

J. J. Scott, Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 152. Individuals not thus included, 170. Total of souls, 1,000. Baptisms—Infants, 38. Communicants—Present number, 145. Marriages, 12. Burials, 30. Sunday school—Teachers, 45; scholars, 300.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$750 00
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JUAN B. BAEZ, Temporary Rector.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 12. Individuals not thus included, 80. Total of souls, 144. Baptisms—Infants, 14. Communicants—Added by removal, 4; lost by removal, 6; present number, 34. Marriages, 5. Burials, 2. Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 30.

JUAN B. BAEZ, Temporary Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 70. Individuals not thus included, 250. Total of souls, 400. Baptisms—Infants, 71. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Admitted, 10; lost by removal, 6; lost by death, 6; present number, 70. Marriages, 43. Burials, 21. Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 110. Parish School—Teachers, 3; scholars, 60.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....\$100 00

JUAN B. BAEZ, Rector.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LAKE CITY.

No. of families, 17. Individuals not thus included, 5. No. of sittings, 150. Baptisms—Infants, 2. Confirmed, 5. Communicants—Admitted, 5; lost by removal, 1; present number, 29. Marriages, 1. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 20. Parish School—Teachers, 2; scholars, 19.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....\$ 110 04

Diocesan Missions..... 1 24

Domestic Missions..... 2 49

Other Objects..... 1,000 00

Total.....\$1,113 77

REMARKS.—Since our last report we have built a neat little Church and School House to the value of about \$2,500.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, ST. AUGUSTINE.

Baptisms—Adults, 4; infants, 10; total, 14. Confirmed 7. Communicants—Lost by removal, 4; present number, 78. Marriages, 6. Burials, 2. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 40.

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$1,505 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	40 00
Diocesan Missions.....	142 00
Other Objects.....	340 00
Total.....	\$2,027 00

REMARKS.—The number of families is too fluctuating to be estimated.

E. ROOTE, Rector.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PALATKA.

No. of sittings, 175. Baptisms—Infants, 6. Confirmed, 4. Communicants—Admitted, 4; added by removal, 1; lost by death, 1. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$969 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	28 00
Diocesan Missions.....	38 00
Other Objects.....	361 00
Total.....	\$1,396 00

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FERNANDINA.

No. of families, 25. Individuals not thus included, 21. Total of souls, 111. No. of sittings, 125. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 8; total, 9. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Added by removal, 3; lost by removal, 12; lost by death, 3; present number, 54. Marriages, 6. Burials, 7. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$1,185 90
Diocesan Assessment.....	100 00
Diocesan Missions.....	122 00
Domestic Missions.....	13 36
Total.....	\$1,416 26

OWEN P. THACKARA, Rector.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MILTON.

No. of families, 18. Individuals not thus included, 6. Total of souls, 74. No. of sittings, 150. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 5; total, 7. Confirmed, 2. Communicants—Added by removal, 2; lost by removal, 5; present number, 17. Burials, 6. Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$314 60
Diocesan Assessment.....	72 63
Diocesan Missions.....	44 90
Other Objects.....	5 10
Total.....	<u>\$437 23</u>

REMARKS.—In addition I would say that besides the changes which have been made in the church building, the Parish has purchased a new organ. Renewed interest has been developed both within and without the Church. The regular attendance on the Lenten Services has been much larger than hitherto, while on Easter Day the church was literally filled to overflowing, quite a number not being able to find seats.

CHAS. E. McDOUGALL, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTICELLO.

No. of families, 15. Individuals not thus included, 8. Total of souls, 61. No. of sittings, 200. Baptisms—Infants, 2. Communicants—Present number, 23.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Assessment.....	\$30 00
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REMARKS.—Rev. Chas. P. Rodefer, who resigned the charge of the Church last June, furnishes the above report from memory.

THOMAS BONSAI, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, CEDAR KEY.

No. of families, 17. Individuals not thus included, 23.

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Total of souls, 94. No. of sittings, 150. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 15; total, 17. Communicants—Admitted, 1; added by removal, 2; lost by removal, 2; present number, 24. Burials, 6. Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 38.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$530 00
Domestic Missions.....	3 78
Total.....	<u>\$533 78</u>

REMARKS. There is a class ready for confirmation here. The Bishop has not made a visitation since the meeting of the last Council, but has made arrangements to do so shortly.

EDWARD W. MEANY, RECTOR.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MADISON.

No. of families, 7. Individuals not thus included, 5. Total of souls, 32. Communicants—Present number, 14.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GAINESVILLE.

No. of families, 37. Individuals not thus included, 17; Total of souls, 185. No. of sittings, 150. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 10; total, 12. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Admitted, 5; added by removal, 2; lost by removal, 2; lost by death, 1; present number, 68. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School—Teachers, 9; scholars, 62.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$625 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	27 50
Diocesan Missions.....	12 50
Domestic Missions.....	18 25
Total.....	<u>\$683 25</u>

REMARKS.—There are some persons awaiting confirmation in this Parish. No Episcopal visitation has been

made since the meeting of the last Council. The Bishop will shortly make the visitation.

EDWARD W. MEANY, RECTOR.

GRACE CHURCH, OCALA.

No. of families, 10. Individuals not thus included, 4. Total of souls, 74. No. of sittings, 80. Baptisms—Adults, 2 ; infants, 7 ; total, 9. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Admitted, 2 ; present number, 24 ; Sunday School—Teachers, 3 ; scholars, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$213 07
Diocesan Missions.....	16 12
Other Objects.....	870 81
Total.....	\$1,100 00

REMARKS.—The Church is in a prosperous condition. We entered our little church building for the first time on Christmas day last.

R. H. WELLER, JR., Minister in charge.

MISSIONS.

ST. JOHN'S, ST. PAUL'S, AND ALL SAINTS CHURCHES—SANTA FE MISSIONS.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LAKE SANTA FE.

No. of families, 5 ; individuals not so included, 6 ; total of souls, 23. No. of sittings, 120. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Missions.—Am't sent to Treasurer before arrival of Mission'y,	\$21 80
“ “ “ of regular offerings, paid to Missonary.....	12 86
“ “ “ collected otherwise.....	14 47
“ “ “ of difference in accounts, charged to Miss'ry..	2 22
Total paid to Diocesan Missions.....	\$51 35
Other Objects.—Am't paid for insurance on church building.....	7 50
“ “ “ Sexton.....	4 00
Total	\$62 85

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WALDO.

No. of families, 9. Individuals not thus included, 7. Total of souls, 46. No. of sittings, 175. Communicants—Found resident, 17; admitted, 2; present number, 19; number who actually commune, 6. Sunday school—Teachers, 4; scholars, 11.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Missions.—Amount of regular offerings paid to Missionary.....	\$ 26 53
“ “ “ collected otherwise, “ “ “	5 00
“ “ “ paid towards removal of Miss'ry's family	95 00
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Total paid for Diocesan Missions.....	\$126 53

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, FAIRBANKS.

No. of families, 6; individuals not thus included, 3; total of souls, 23. No. of sittings, 100. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Missions.—Amount of regular offerings paid to Missionary.....	\$4 06
“ “ “ contributed otherwise, to Missionary.....	2 00
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Total to Diocesan Missions.....	\$6 06
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Total of contributions for the whole Mission.....	\$185 44

REMARKS.—These statistics extend from October 1st, 1880, to May 4th, 1881. A period of about seven months. Since the coming of the Missionary, at the first named date, two timber churches have been completed far enough to be used for public worship. St. Paul's Church, in the thriving town of Waldo, and All Saints Church, at the pleasant railroad village, which bears the name of a widely known churchman, now residing in our own Diocese, "Fairbanks." These buildings, in conjunction with the one called St. John's Church, overlooking the bright expanse of Lake Santa Fe, now furnish ample and excellent accommodations to the whole region included in the Santa Fe Mission. St. John's Church yet needs to be painted

ST. JOHN'S MISSION, WARRINGTON.

No. of families, 14. Communicants, 35. Sunday School—Teachers, 5 ; scholars, 50. Parish School, 1 ; scholars, 30.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WELAKA.

The Church is ready for consecration. Six adults were recently baptised, who, with others, desire confirmation. Congregations are uniformly encouraging. A Sunday School has been organized.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Missionary.

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A site has been given and an effort has been begun to raise money for the erection of a church.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Missionary.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, MARGARETTA.

No. of families, 11. Individuals not thus included, 2. Total of souls, 46. No. of sittings, 75. Baptisms—Adults, 6; infants, 8 ; total, 14. Communicants—Admitted, 2; present number, 4. Sunday School—Teachers, 2 ; scholars, 16.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 109 32
Diocesan Missions.....	1 24
Domestic Missions.....	2 49
Other Objects.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 163 05

REMARKS.—Last year Holy Cross and St. Mary's Churches were reported together, hence apparent decrease in figures.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CEDAR CREEK.

No. of families, 19. Individuals not thus included, 7. Total of souls, 102. No. of sittings, 65. Baptisms—Infants, 4. Communicants—Present number, 21. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School—Teachers, 3; scholars, 40. Parish School—Teachers, 1; scholars, 24.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 18 44
Diocesan Missions.....	1 24
Domestic Missions.....	2 49
Other Objects.....	6 00
Total.....	\$ 28 17

REMARKS.—Increase of communicants cannot appear until next report.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, MANDARIN.

No. of families, 22. Individuals not thus included, 13. Total of souls, 88. Baptisms—Infants, 1. Communicants—Present number, 11. Burials, 2. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 35.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$225 42
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REMARKS.—Regular services date only from January 7, 1881, and contributions cover only that time. This will account for the very small showing of a work which in one more year will surely give substantial results. I have to report seven (7) services held at Hibernia, and one (1) at Fort George Island, during the winter.

C. M. STURGES, Missionary.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS, MAY 2, 1881.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

Our first service this year in St. Mary's Church, here,

was held on the 16th of January, 2d Sunday after Epiphany, and there has been morning and evening service held every Sunday since that date, excepting yesterday, when Evening Prayer was omitted. (It was so cold on the 23d of January that we occupied the parlor of Riverside Cottage.) During Lent, Morning Prayer has been said every Wednesday, and Evening Prayer every Friday. The attendance has been good the whole season—two or three Sundays the church has been quite full. Holy Communion has been celebrated twice, once by yourself and once by Rev. Mr. Schofield, and I have officiated at two funerals, one in Magnolia and one in this town. The offerings for all purposes have amounted to \$196.90, and the donations used for church building, amount to \$125; for organ, \$30. Total, \$351.90. For the balance in hand, say \$125.87, I have made my check on Bank of New York, to order of myself or Laman Lewis, and will hold the same in trust for the church.

Trusting that this report will be approved and that next season I shall be permitted to worship in our own little church here, I remain with great respect,

Sincerely yours,

J. T. ADAMS.

RT. REV. J. F. YOUNG, S.T.D.

Lay Reader.

ST. PAUL'S MISSION, FEDERAL POINT.

This Mission was constituted by Bishop Young, June 20, 1880, and there was appointed Edwin Smith, S. W.; Wm. A. Evans, J. W.; Wm. L. Dorr, Secretary and Treasurer, who met September 20, 1880, at the residence of Edwin Smith, when W. A. Evans presented plans for a church edifice. It was found the funds were insufficient to erect it. It was then resolved that beside individual efforts

an appeal should be published in *The Churchman*, which was accordingly done with Bishop Young's endorsement, November 27th, 1880.

On December 12th, 1880, had a visitation from Bishop Young. Services were held at Captain Smith's Hall, and again December 25th and 26th, when he presented plans and urged the necessity of renewed efforts in erecting a church. He visited us again on March 28th, 1881, when he confirmed Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston Mosier.

From the constitution of the Mission to the present, time, services have been held regularly by the Lay Reader Wm. A. Evans, with but one exception.

For the building of a church there has been subscribed and paid in about five hundred and fifty dollars, and the site has been donated, provided a sufficient amount is raised to complete it. As per plans submitted, we find we are at least one hundred dollars short of the estimated cost and as we are pledged not to commence the work until the entire cost is raised, we hope you can devise some way by which it can be accomplished as we are not able to secure more in this place.

Respectfully Submitted.

WM. L. DORR,
Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF REV. C. W. WARD, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF
MAITLAND AND ADJACENT POINTS.

To the Rt. Rev. John F. Young, Bishop of Florida:

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR:---Since taking charge of the work assigned to me January 9, 1881, I have officiated publicly on forty occasions, thirteen times in Orlando, and the remaining times in Maitland. My custom having been to officiate twice a Sunday, (with the exception of the

last Sunday of the month, when I officiate only in Maitland.) The attendance has averaged, in Orlando, about 45, and in Maitland, about 70. I have celebrated Holy Communion five times; have baptised one adult; buried two; have taken, so far as was prudent, an oversight of the "Mission Sunday School;" have conducted a series of Lenten Services, with lectures, and have made about 45 calls connected with my mission work, but it is difficult to speak positively.

The work of building the new church which Bishop Whipple has so generously contributed for, has been undertaken by Mr. McGuire, a builder from the north, who is now engaged upon the church at Sanford, and expects to begin ours within a few days, as I am informed. The cost of this proposed building, when completed, will be \$1,800. The designs are by Haight, of New York, and are strikingly picturesque and churchly. In this connection I would also mention that I have been offered a large church lot in Orlando for the erection of a building for church services, and have promised the people that I would lay the matter before you. We are in sad need of a church in Orlando all the more because of the filthy and obnoxious character of the Court House, in which we are compelled at present to worship. At the same time our number are so small there, and owing to the many religious divisions and sects which peculiarly drain that portion of my Mission; the means for church building are likewise so small that a Mission Church could hardly be built there except by means of considerable aid from abroad. I think for a church costing \$600, two hundred dollars, (\$200,) in labor and money, could be raised in the neighborhood, possibly \$100 more, but \$300 would have to come from elsewhere.

In closing my report I would express my feelings of gratitude for the good reasons which exist for encouragement in my work here. In many of its aspects it is entirely new

work to me, but as between Parochial and Missionary work, there seems to me so much simplicity and genuineness about the latter that I find its newness entirely agreeable. Of course, in a community such as this, the work is necessarily a slow one and beginnings small. There are very few who love the church for her own sake, or who attend the services from any very spiritual motives. But by God's blessing, as soon as we have our church, we hope to attract many of the more indifferent to the services over an area of some twenty miles.

There are under my jurisdiction at present, in all, 31 communicants, that is, in Maitland 15, in Orlando 13, in Altamonte 2. This does not include some scattering communicants in the remote outlying regions, such as Zellwood and Apopka. I have also, in all, about 71 families, resident attendants upon the services. The offerings have been from Sunday, January 29th, to Sunday, April 24th, inclusive. Total, \$305.42. Of this amount, \$73.36 is from floating contributors, and \$229.06 from regular subscribers through the "envelope system." \$58.68 of the \$305.42 has come from Orlando, and \$246.74 from Maitland. The whole sum subscribed for the year beginning January 9th, is from Maitland and Altamonte, \$853.80, and from Orlando \$100. Of this, I expect there will be hardly over \$150 in worthless subscriptions.

At all events, we have this strong encouragement, that for a new settlement Maitland is singularly free from sectarian spirit, and the community seems most cordially disposed toward our communion.

By the time you are ready for your next visitation, I think there will be several to be confirmed.

I am Dear Bishop, very respectfully yours,

CHAS. W. WARD.

(APPENDIX C.)
TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer submits the following annual report of the financial affairs of the Diocese for the fiscal year ending with this date:

RECEIPTS.	
For General Diocesan Fund.....	\$ 985 88
Diocesan Missions.....	1,418 54
Santa Fe Mission District.....	350 00
Total.....	\$2,699 42
EXPENDITURES.	
For The Episcopate.....	\$ 650 00
Printing.....	115 00
Standing Committee.....	24 75
Church at Fairbanks'.....	200 68
Church at Waldo.....	742 49
Diocesan Missions.....	1,004 06
General Convention Assessment.....	54 00
Mundries.....	22 50
Total.....	\$2,882 43
BALANCE IN TREASURY.	
For General Diocesan Fund.....	\$ 792 81
Santa Fe Mission.....	27 73
Diocesan Missions.....	858 27
Total.....	\$1,678 31

General statement of receipts and disbursements by the Treasurer of the Diocese of Florida:

RECEIPTS.	
1880.	
May.....5,.....By Balance.....	\$ 1,861 82
Do .....5,.....Christ's Church, Monticello.....	34 50
Do .....15,.....Trinity Church, St. Augustine.....	40 00
June .....5,.....Women's Auxillary Society for Diocesan Missions...	100 72
July.....3,.....do do	112 03
Do9,.....Grace Church Mission, Orange Park.....	13 15
Do22,.....Christ's Church, Pensacola.....	60 00

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July.....22,.....	St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.....	\$ 25 00
Do..... 24,.....	St. John's Mission, Santa Fe	10 00
August..... 5,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society, for Diocesan Missions,	180 27
September.....8,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society, for Diocesan Missions,	70 28
Do.....18,	St. Mark's Church, Palatka, for Convention.....	5 00
Do.....23,.....	St. Mary's Church, Milton, for Convention.....	5 00
Do.....23,.....	Christ Church, Pensacola, for Convention.....	15 00
November 3,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society, for Diocesan Missions,	152 76
Do. 6,.....	Christ Church, Pensacola.....	60 00
Do .....12,.....	Trinity Church, Gainesville.....	18 00
December 10,.....	Rev. Jas. Saul, D.D., for Church at Waldo.....	150 00
Do.....10,.....	Rev. Jas. Saul, D.D., for Church at Fairbanks.....	75 00
Do.....11,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society, for Diocesan Missions,	89 11
Do..... 13,.....	St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.....	25 00
Do .....22,.....	Mrs. A. B. Dutton, for Church at Waldo.....	75 00
Do.....22,.....	Mr. C. L. Jones, for Church at Waldo.....	25 00
1881.		
January..... 7,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society for Diocesan Missions,	143 28
Do.....31,.....	St. Mary's Church, Milton.....	72 63
February..... 4,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society for Diocesan Missions,	88 44
Do.....12,.....	St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.....	25 00
Do.....19,.....	St. John's Church, Tallahassee.....	27 25
March..... 5,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society, for Diocesan Missions,	115 47
Do .. 16,.....	Christ Church, Pensacola	60 00
Do.....25,.....	St. Paul's Mission, Federal Point.....	10 00
April..... 4,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society, for Diocesan Missions,	129 83
Do.....11,.....	St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.....	25 00
Do .....19,.....	Church of Holy Comforter, Crescent City	8 00
Do.....19,.....	St. Matthew's Church, San Mateo.....	8 00
Do 23,.....	Grace Mission, Orange Park.....	10 00
May..... 2,.....	Rev. O. P. Thackara, for Santa Fe Mission.....	25 00
Do..... 3,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society, for Diocesan Missions,	257 60
Do..... 4,.....	St. Mark's Church, Palatka.....	80 00
Do 4,.....	Church of the Holy Cross, Margaretta.....	3 00
Do..... 4,.....	St. James' Church, Lake City.....	10 00
Do 4,.....	St. John's Church, Jacksonville.....	850 00
Do..... 4,.....	Trinity Church, Gainesville	9 00
Total.....		\$ 4,560 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

1880.

May..... 10,.....	To paid Chnrch at Fairbanks.....	\$ 100 00
June..... 13,	Sermons for Lay Readers.....	10 32
Do..... 25,.....	Church at Waldo.....	10 00
Do..... 26,.....	Rt. Rev. J. F. Young.....	650 00
Do..... 28,.....	Printing Journal.....	115 00
July..... 3,	Postage for Secretary of Council.....	12 18
Do..... 5,.....	Rev. C. S. Williams, Missionary.....	50 00
Do..... 5,.....	Rev. J. B. Buez, Missionary.....	75 00
Do..... 5,.....	Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary.....	40 00
Do..... 5,.....	Rev. Chas. E. McDougal.....	40 00
Do..... 5,.....	Rev. F. B. Gilbert.	50 00
Do..... 24,.....	Missionary expenses, Santa Fe.....	6 00
Do..... 24,.....	Church at Waldo	5 00
August..... 5,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society, Stationery....	5 00

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August	1	Church at Waldo.....	\$ 16 00	
Do	15	Church at Waldo.....	100 40	
Do	28	Church at Waldo.....	8 00	
September	1	Transportation for Mission at Ocala.....	25 00	
Do	15	Rev. Oliver Taylor, Missionary.....	50 00	
Do	28	Rev. C. S. Williams, Missionary.....	50 00	
Do	1	Transportation for Standing Committee.....	9 00	
Do	15	Church at Waldo.....	38 51	
Do	28	Church at Waldo.....	150 00	
Do	1	Rev. J. B. Baez, Missionary.....	75 00	
Do	15	Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary.....	50 00	
Do	28	Rev. Chas. E. McDougal, Missionary.....	40 00	
Do	1	Church at Waldo.....	50 00	
October	1	Church at Waldo.....	2 00	
October	15	General Convention Assessment.....	54 00	
November	1	Church at Waldo.....	87 28	
Do	15	Rev. J. B. Baez, Missionary.....	50 00	
Do	28	Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary.....	50 00	
Do	1	Rev. C. E. McDougal, Missionary.....	40 00	
Do	15	Rev. C. S. Williams, Missionary.....	50 00	
December	1	Church at Waldo.....	55 50	
Do	15	Standing Committee.....	1 25	
Do	28	Church at Fairbanks.....	39 00	
Do	1	Church at Waldo.....	176 80	
January	1	Standing Committee.....	4 50	
Do	15	Rev. C. P. Roderer, Missionary.....	50 00	
Do	28	Mayean Missions.....	1 25	
February	1	Church at Waldo.....	43 00	
Do	15	Church at Waldo.....	2 00	
Do	28	Church at Fairbanks.....	3 00	
Do	1	Church at Fairbanks.....	127 63	
Do	15	Marion County Mission.....	10 00	
Do	28	Rev. J. B. Baez, Missionary.....	50 00	
March	1	Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary.....	50 00	
Do	15	Rev. C. E. McDougal, Missionary.....	40 00	
Do	28	Rev. C. S. Williams, Missionary.....	50 00	
Do	1	Transportation for Standing Committee.....	10 00	
Do	15	Expenses Woman's Auxiliary Society.....	6 81	
April	1	Balance.....	1,678 31	
			<u>\$4,560 74</u>	

RECEIPTS IN FLORIDA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARY R. BURTON, DIOCESAN TREASURER
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS IN FLORIDA:

1904-1905—AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

April	1	Trinity Church, Gainesville.....	\$ 1 90	
May	1	do do do.....	1 90	
June	1	do do do.....	2 15	
July	1	do do do.....	3 20	
August	1	do do do.....	3 35	\$12 50

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May.....7,.....	Holy Comforter Church, Crescent City.....	\$ 10 62	
July.....14,.....	do do do do do	5 40	
October.....11,.....	do do do do do	7 06	
January.....12,.....	do do do do do	5 00	
April.....21,.....	do do do do do	12 08—	\$40 16
May.....7,.....	St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.....	\$10 00	
July.....28,.....	do do do	10 00	
December..16,.....	do do do	42 00	
February...3,.....	do do do	10 00	
April.....22,.....	do do do	40 00—	\$112 00
May.....11,.....	St. Paul's Church, Key West... ..	\$ 8 00	
June.....28,.....	do do do	8 94	
July.....13,.....	do do do	10 00	
August.....17,.....	do do do	6 20	
September14,.....	do do do	6 20	
October.....18,.....	do do do	5 88	
December.. 4,.....	do do do	4 06	
January....25,.....	do do do	6 25	
February..22,.....	do do do	5 00	
March.....22,.....	do do do	5 00—	\$96 42
July.....20,.....	St. Mark's Church, Palatka.....	\$ 2 87	
March.....16,	do do do	15 00	
April..... 18,.....	do do do	8 00—	\$20 87
May.....10,.....	St. John's Church, Jacksonville.....	\$ 65 35	
June..... 12,	do do do	50 77	
July..... 17,.....	do do do	51 55	
August.. ..6,.....	do do do	56 83	
September16,.....	do do do	51 78	
October.....22,.....	do do do	46 74	
November27,.....	do do do	50 06	
December 17,.....	do do do	64 78	
January...17,.....	do do do	57 60	
February..17,.....	do do do	83 01	
March.....14,.....	do do do	60 53	
April.....16,.....	do do do	65 11—	\$ 722 15
May.....15,.....	Christ Church, Monticello.....	\$ 2 95	
June.....18,.....	do do do	1 45	
September..2,.....	do do do	3 75	
December..23.....	do do do	5 00	
January....26.....	do do do	2 80	
March..... 1,.....	do do do	1 75	
April..... 2,.....	do do do	1 60—	\$19 30
June 2,.....	St. John's Church, Tallahassee.....	\$ 10 62	
June..... 30,.....	do do do	10 50	
July.....29,.....	do do do	9 20	
August.....30,.....	do do do	7 25	
September28,.....	do do do	7 25	
October...29,....	do do do	7 55	
November29,....	do do do	12 20	
December.31,....	do do do	17 35	
February..2,....	do do do	10 50	
March.... 3,....	do do do	11 20	
April.....29,....	do do do	10 00	
March.....30,....	do do do	9 15—	\$122 77

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June.....8,....	Trinity Church, St. Augustine.....	\$ 20 75	
July.....10,....	do do do	13 45	
November18,....	do do do	12 45	
February..4,....	do do do	7 90	
April.....16,....	do do do	103 00—	\$157 55
July.....26,....	Christ Church, Pensacola.....	\$ 16 25	
April ...30,....	do do do	13 25—	\$29 50
July.....27,....	St. Luke's Church, Marianna.....	\$ 10 00—	\$10 00
September.6,....	St. Mary's Church, Milton.....	\$ 5 90	
October....5,....	do do do	5 50	
November.8,....	do do do	5 40	
December..9,....	do do do	5 85	
January...8,....	do do do	6 20	
February..7,....	do do do	5 25	
March.....11,....	do do do	4 80	
April.....12,.....	do do do	6 00—	\$44 90
September.7,.....	Christ Church, Key West.....	\$ 2 00—	\$2 00
February..14,.....	Grace Church, Ocala	\$ 4 31	
March.....19,.....	do do do	2 40	
April.....18,.....	do do do	3 56—	\$10 27
March.....16,.....	Rev. H. B. Stuart Martin	\$ 20 00—	\$20 00
Total.....			\$1,390 39

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. BURTON, Treasurer.

(APPENDIX D.)

STANDING RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of each day shall be introduced by prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the Chair.
3. The order of business in the Council shall be as follows: 1st. The appointment of a President; if there be no Bishop, or if the Bishop is absent. 2d. The appointment of a Secretary, by ballot. 3d. The appointment of the Standing Committees of the Council—viz: Committee on the State of the Church, Committee on Canons, Committee on Finance, Committee on Unfinished Business, Committee on Christian Education and Special Committees. 4th. The Annual Address of the Bishop, if there be one and he be present, or be absent and transmit his address. 5th. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 6th. Reports from Committees of the Council. 7th. Reports from the Treasurer. 8th. Reports from Committees appointed at the last Council. 9th. The election, by ballot, of a Treasurer, of a Registrar, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, of a Finance Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or present any matter to the Council, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall absent himself from the sittings of the Council, unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Council.

7. The Council shall vote by orders, whenever one Clergyman or the Deputation from one Parish may require it.

8. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the Journal.

9. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Council, and shall not be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Council; *provided always*, that any member of the Council voting in the majority may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move a re-consideration of said vote.

10. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Council, unless seconded, and if required, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

11. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

13. Every member who shall be present when the question is put, shall vote, unless excused by the Council.

14. When the Council is about to rise, or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the Chair.

15. The foregoing rules shall be read by the Secretary at the opening of every Council, immediately after the prayer.

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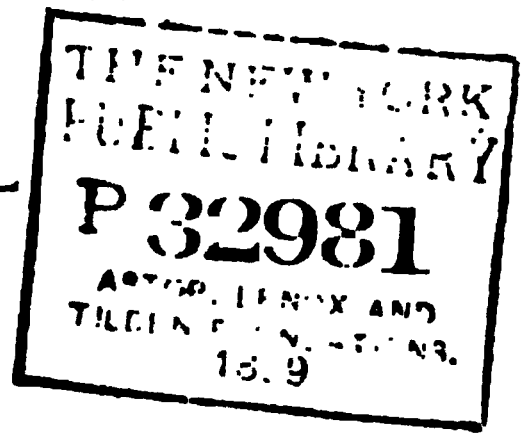
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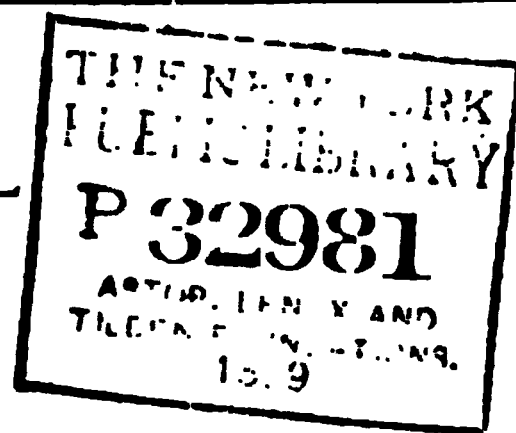
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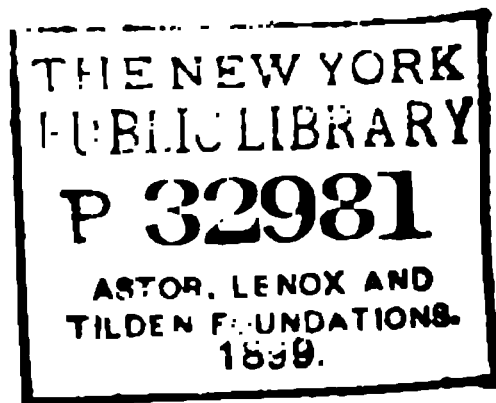
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The Rev. E. W. MEANY.

EXAMINING CHAPLAINS.

The Rev. R. H. WELLER, The Rev. W. H. CARTER, D. D.,
The Rev. O. P. THACKARA. The Rev. E. W. MEANY.

REGISTRAR.

• A. S. BALDWIN, M. D., Jacksonville.

CHANCELLOR.

Hon. L. I. FLEMING.

DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

CLERICAL.

The Rev. R. H. WELLER,
The Rev. O. P. THACKARA,
The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D.,
The Rev. W. H. CARTER, D. D.,

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The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., G. R. FAIRBANKS,
D. A. FINLAYSON, C. B. BENEDICT, Treasurer.

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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

JACKSONVILLE FLA., May 3, 1882.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-Ninth Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. John's Church, at 11 o'clock A. M. The Morning Prayer and Litany were said by the Rev. W. H. CARTER, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee, and the Rev. CHARLES S. WILLIAMS, Missionary in Putnam County. The Bishop then proceeded to the celebration of the Holy Communion, assisted in the distribution by the Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola, and the Rev. R. H. WELLER, Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The services being ended, the Bishop called the Council to order, and furnished the Secretary with the following list of the Clergy entitled to seats :

LIST OF CLERGY

ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE COUNCIL :

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D.D., LL.D.,
The Rev. OWEN P. THACKARA,
The Rev. REGINALD H. WELLER,
The Rev. EDWARD W. MEANY,
The Rev. ELEAZER ROOTE,
The Rev. LYMAN PHELPS,
The Rev. W. B. HUSON,
The Rev. WILLIAM H. CARTER, D.D. LL.D., Ph. D.,

The Rev. H. B. STUART MARTIN,
The Rev. CHARLES S. WILLIAMS,
The Rev. JUAN B. BAEZ,
The Rev. CHARLES S. SNOWDEN,
The Rev. CHARLES P. RODEFER,
The Rev. OLIVER TAYLOR,
The Rev. CHARLES M. STURGES,
The Rev. CHARLES W. WARD,
The Rev. JESSE R. BICKNELL,
The Rev. JOHN H. WEDDELL,
The Rev. SAMUEL B. CARPENTER,
The Rev. CHARLES F. D. LYNE,
The Rev. THOMAS BONSTALL,
The Rev. JOHANNES A. OERTEL,
The Rev. CHARLES E. MCDUGAL,
The Rev. REGINALD H. WELLER, JR.,
The Rev. ALBION W. KNIGHT,
The Rev. CORNELIUS A. APPLE.

Of these, the following were present :

The Rev. J. Jackson Scott, D.D., LL.D., Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola.

The Rev. Owen P. Thackara, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.

The Rev. Reginald H. Weller, Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. William H. Carter, D.D., LL.D., Ph. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

The Rev. Charles S. Williams, Missionary in Putnam County.

The Rev. Oliver Taylor, Missionary at Orange Park.

The Rev. Jesse R. Bicknell, Assistant Minister, St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. Thomas Bonsall, Rector of Christ Church, Monticello.

The Rev. Reginald H. Weller, Jr., Minister of Grace Church, Ocala.

The Rev. Albion W. Knight, Missionary at Lake Eustis.

The Bishop appointed the Rev's. Messrs. Thackara and Williams a Committee on the Credentials of Lay Deputies, who reported the following as entitled to seats, viz :

St. John's Church, Jacksonville—A. S. Baldwin, M. D., J. J. Daniel, C. B. Benedict, W. A. Spence, M. D.

St. John's Church, Tallahassee—Robert Walker, J. H. Randolph, M. D., P. Houston, E. K. Foster.

Christ's Church, Pensacola—A. E. Maxwell, W. K. Hyer, C. C. Yonge, Sr., J. C. Avery.

St. Peter's Church, Fernandina—H. E. Dotterer, S. A. Swann, G. R. Fairbanks, R. S. Schuyler.

St. Paul's Church, Key West—W. D. Cash, E. B. Rawson.

Grace Church, Ocala—J. J. Dickinson, J. G. Reardon, R. R. Snowden.

Trinity Church, St. Augustine— — Davis, — Burnett.

Lake Eustis Mission—E. B. Hore.

Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City—H. G. Hubbard.

Grace Church Mission, Orange Park—J. T. Copeland.

St. Paul's Mission, Federal Point—W. A. Hart.

St. Matthew's Mission, San Mateo—W. R. DeWitt, M. D.

Of these, the following were present :

From St. John's, Jacksonville—A. S. Baldwin, M. D., J. J. Daniel, C. B. Benedict, W. A. Spence, M. D.

From St. John's, Tallahassee—E. K. Foster.

From St. Peter's, Fernandina—S. A. Swann.

From Lake Eustis Mission—E. B. Hore.

From Holy Comforter, Crescent City—H. G. Hubbard.

From Grace Mission, Orange Park—J. T. Copeland.

Whereupon the Bishop declared a quorum present and the Council prepared for business.

The first business being the election of Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Knight and D. A. Finlayson were appointed tellers, who declared the Rev. R. H. Weller re-elected unanimously.

Mr. J. J. Daniel gave notice of an amendment to Section 5 of Canon XIX.

On motion, the Council adjourned until after Evening Prayer, at 8 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, May 3, 9 P. M.

Evening prayer was said at 8 o'clock, the Rev. R. H. Weller, Jr., and the Rev. A. W. Knight officiating, and the Council Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Carter, D. D., from the text I Cor: XIV. 10. After the services, the Council assembled pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. Dr. Scott in the Chair. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That an invitation to seats in this body, be extended to Clergymen present from other Dioceses. In response to this invitation, the Rev H. R. Howard, S. T. D., of the Diocese of Albany, and the Rev. W. B. Erben, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, were seated.

Messrs. R. R. Snowden and J. G. Reardon, of Grace Church, Ocala, J. C. Donnelly, M. D., of St. Mark's Church, Palatka, and R. S. Schuyler, of St. Peter's Church, Fernandina, and D. A. Finlayson, of Christ Church, Monticello, appeared in addition to those Lay-Deputies present in the morning.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Council approves the objects of "The Clergymen's Retiring Fund Society," and commends it to the favorable consideration of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Secretary of the General Convention on the subject of "THE RATIFICATION OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER," which was referred, on motion, to a Special Committee to be appointed by the Bishop.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

To the Secretary of the Council of the Diocese of Florida:

SIR—In compliance with the requirements of Article 8 of the Constitution, I would hereby officially make known, through you, to the Council of the Diocese of Florida, the following proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United

States of America, adopted by the General Convention of 1880, and to be finally acted upon by the General Convention of 1888, to-wit :

It was, by concurrent action (*vide* Journal of Convention, pp. 156, 157-159, 161, 162, 181, 182, 185-187, 188, 225, 251, 263, 273, 291, 292, 299, 300, 303, 316) of the two Houses of the General Convention of 1880—

Resolved, That the Ratification of the Book of Common Prayer be amended so as to read as follows, and that such proposed amendment be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, in order that it may be adopted in the next General Convention, according to Article 8 of the Constitution :

THE RATIFICATION OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

By the Bishops, the Clergy, and the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in General Convention Assembled.

The General Convention of this Church, having heretofore—to-wit, on the sixteenth day of October, A. D. 1789—set forth and established a Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, and thereby established the said book and declared it to be the Liturgy of this Church, and required that it be received as such by all the members of the same, and be in use from and after the first day of October, A. D. 1790 ; the same book is hereby ratified and confirmed, and ordered to be the use of this Church from this time forth.

But note, however, that on days other than Sunday, Christmas Day, the Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Ascension Day, it shall suffice if the Minister begin Morning or Evening Prayer at the General Confession, or the Lord's Prayer, preceded by one or more of the sentences appointed at the beginning of Morning and Evening Prayer, and end after the Collect for Grace, or the Collect for Aid against Perils, with 2 Cor. xiii. 14, using so much of the Lessons appointed for the day, and so much of the Psalter, as he shall judge to be for edification.

And note, also, that on any day when Morning or Evening Prayer shall have been duly said, or are to be said, and upon days other than those first afore-mentioned, it shall suffice, when need may require, if a Sermon or Lecture be preceded by at least the Lord's Prayer and one or more Collects found in this book. *Provided*, that no prayers not set forth in said book, or otherwise authorized by this Church, shall be used before or after such Sermon or Lecture.

And note further, also, that on any day the Morning Prayer, the Litany, or the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper, may be used as a separate and independent service, provided that no one of these services shall be disused habitually.

received and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. C. S. Williams, and Mr. J. J. Daniel. (See Appendix C.)

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Messrs. Scott, Thackara, Weller and Carter, and Messrs. Daniel and Dotterer, as the Special Committee on the subject of "THE RATIFICATION OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER."

The election of Diocesan officers being in order, the Rev. Mr. Knight, and Mr. Reardon were appointed tellers. The balloting for Treasurer resulted in the unanimous election of Mr. H. E. Dotterer.

Mr. Dotterer earnestly pressing his desire to be released from the office on account of ill-health, it was

Resolved, That the arduous labors of Treasurer have been so faithfully performed by Mr. H. E. Dotterer, heretofore, and have been so valuable to the Diocese, that this Council, anxious for the continuance of his guidance, urge him to retain the office, and that an efficient assistant be appointed him by the Finance Committee.

The amendment of Article VII. of the Constitution, proposed yesterday, passed its second reading, and was laid over till tomorrow.

The following invitation was presented to the Council:

The Parish of St. John's Church, Jacksonville, expects, God-willing, to have its Church edifice consecrated to the service of Almighty God on the morning of Sunday next, the 7th inst.

Earnestly desiring that the whole Diocese may rejoice with them on that happy occasion, a hearty invitation is hereby extended to all the members of this Council, to be with them at that time.

R. H. WELLER, Rector.

A. S. BALDWIN,

J. J. DANIEL,

C. B. BENEDICT,

W. A. SPENCE,

For the Vestry of St. John's Church.

After a few earnest remarks from the Bishop, the above invitation was unanimously accepted.

Dr. A. S. Baldwin was re-elected REGISTRAR of the Diocese.

The following were elected as the

STANDING COMMITTEE:

The Rev. O. P. THACKARA,
 The Rev. R. H. WELLER,
 The Rev. C. S. WILLIAMS,

Mr. S. A. SWANN,
 Mr. J. J. DANIEL,
 Mr. C. B. BENEDICT.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

E. K. FOSTER,
 A. S. BALDWIN, M. D.,
 W. A. SPENCE, M. D.

The Rev. W. H. CARTER, D.D.,
 The Rev. E. W. MEANY,

Resolved, That the selection of a seal for the Diocese be referred to a Special Committee to consult with the Bishop, and report to this meeting of the Council.

The Bishop appointed on this committee, Rev. Dr. Carter, Dr. Baldwin, and Mr. Benedict.

Resolved, That the next Annual Council be held in St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.

The Bishop announced as the Preacher for the next Council, the Rev. C. S. Williams, and as substitute, the Rev. C. M. Sturges.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor was excused from further attendance until Saturday. Mr. D. A. Finlayson, and J. C. Donelly were also excused.

The following were also elected as

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION:

The Rev. R. H. WELLER,
 The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D.D.,
 The Rev. O. P. THACKARA,
 The Rev. W. H. CARTER, D.D.,

H. E. DOTTERER,
 J. J. DANIEL,
 E. K. FOSTER,
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TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D.D., LL. D., D. A. FINLAYSON,
J. S. WINTROP, and the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Clerical and Lay Deputies present be requested to call the attention of their several Parishes to the propriety of transferring to the Diocese by suitable deeds of conveyance the Church property under their control.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be requested to prepare printed blanks, in proper form, for such conveyance, and forward them to the authorities of the several Parishes, and that said Board do inquire into and report to the next Council the character and legal status of all Church property in the Diocese,

When the Council adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. on Friday.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, May 5, 10 A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. In the absence of the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Scott was called to the Chair. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. Mr. George Barter, of Christ Church, Milwood, was invited to a seat in the Council.

The Standing Committee on Finance made the following report, which was received :

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL COUNCIL OF THE PROTESTANT
EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.

To the Right Rev. J. F. Young, presiding :

The Committee on Finance appointed by the Bishop, respectfully re-

port that they have examined the report, and books of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and compared the same with the vouchers presented, and find the same correct, and that there is in the hands of the Treasurer \$1,859.01. They further report that \$436 of the \$1,560 assessed for the year 1881 to the different Parishes is still uncollected. That that amount added to the sum of \$2,255.92 which was the sum of indebtedness reported the last Council makes an indebtedness this year of \$2,691.91.

The expenses of the Diocese required to be met this year from the general fund are estimated as follows :

For Bishop's salary.....	\$ 2,000.00
Expenses of Secretary of Council.....	85.00
Contingent expenses Standing Committee.....	25.00
Total	\$ 2,110.00

E. K. FOSTER, Chairman.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resignation of Mr. H. E. Dotterer of the office of Treasurer of the Diocese, be accepted.

The Rev. Dr. Scott, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare a memorial notice of Mr. Francis Eppes, reported the following :

IN MEMORIAM.

The Council of the Diocese of Florida desires to recall the memory, and express and record their appreciation of the character and faithful earnest labors of the late Francis Eppes in laying the foundation and extending the influence of the Church in this Diocese.

Mr. Eppes was one of the little band of earnest Churchmen to whom, under the promptings and guiding influence of the ever blessed Spirit, is due the organizing of the Diocese of Florida.

Of that little band of Churchmen none gave more willingly and none more liberally of his time and means and prayers to developing the life and extending the influence of the newly organized Diocese, than our departed brother.

It is hardly an over estimate, that to the labors, the faith and devotion of Mr. Eppes and his fellow-workers in laying and securing the foundations of the Church in Florida, is it due under God, that our Diocese passed safely through such days of darkness and trial as came upon it, and to-day witnesses such a vigorous and large growth. This Council especially desires to place on record an expression of how much it is indebted to the faithful services of Mr. Eppes. He was a member of the

Primary Convention; the first Secretary of the Standing Committee; for many years returned as a Deputy to the General Convention, and served on important committees of this body. Our journals bear witness to these facts and those associated with him, could they be present, as only few of them now are, would yield to him the praise of faithful performance of duties assigned to him, and of wise counsel in all that related to the Church.

That the life of Mr. Eppes was patterned according to the apostolic direction, those who knew him will gladly bear record. Doing good to all men, especially to those who are of the household faith; given to hospitality in the days of prosperity, and in those of deprivation and trials, patient and uncomplaining. This Council offers heartfelt sympathy to the widow and family of Mr. Eppes in their bereavement, while they thank God for the good example of a faithful servant gathered into Paradise full of years and full of hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J. J. SCOTT,
O. P. THACKARA,
A. S. BALDWIN,

The report was adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on "THE RATIFICATION OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER," made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Secretary of the last General Convention, regarding the Ratification of the Book of Common Prayer, respectfully report favorably upon the same, and recommend that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That the Diocese of Florida hereby agrees to, and approves of the amendment to the "Ratification of the Book of Common Prayer," adopted at the last General Convention. Signed for the Committee.

W. H. CARTER.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of "THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY," submitted the following, which was received:

WHEREAS, The past year has been marked by encouraging success in the Missionary field, due largely to the efforts of the Woman's Auxiliary Society in raising the indispensable means,

Be it resolved, That the Council has heard with delight and admiration the report of the Society, and hereby expresses its high appreciation of the zealous and effective labors of the Woman's Auxiliary.

C. S. WILLIAMS,
J. J. DANIEL,
Committee.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons submitted the following report:

The proposed Canon (XII), Of the Chancellor, which was referred, is recommended for adoption with the slight changes made as follows :

CANON XII

OF THE CHANCELLOR.

SECTION 1. The Council shall annually appoint some suitable Layman, learned in the law, and a Communicant in good standing, who shall be the legal adviser of the Diocese, and of the Parishes thereof, and entitled the Chancellor of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. The Chancellor shall be consulted as to all conveyances of all properties to or from the several Parishes and Missions of the Diocese, and as to all legal claims, rights and privileges of the same.

SEC. 3. The Chancellor shall report to each Annual Council what he has done during the year, and shall also, from time to time, make such recommendations as may seem to him for the best interests of the Diocese.

SEC. 4. Until further action of the Council, all deeds of property shall be in the custody of the Bishop of the Diocese, who will at each Annual Council present a report of all deeds and documents in his possession relating to the Diocese.

In the matter of the appointment of Deputies from Missions, which was referred to the Committee, it is recommended that the XIXth Canon be changed as follows :

“The officers of an Organized Mission may appoint one Layman, a male Communicant of the Church, in good standing in the Mission, to represent the Mission in the Diocesan Council, who shall have all the rights and privileges of Lay Deputies.”

The Committee propose the following alteration of Article (III) of the Constitution :

Add at end—“And one Lay Deputy from each organized Mission chosen by the officers thereof.”

Respectfully,

O. P. THACKARA, Chairman.

The report was received, and the recommendations acted on in the following order. On motion :

Resolved, That proposed CANON XII, “OF THE CHANCELLOR,” be adopted.

Resolved, That Canon XIX, Section 5, Paragraph 2, be amended so as

to read "The officers of an Organized Mission may appoint one Layman, a male Communicant of the Church, in good standing in the Mission, to represent the Mission in the Diocesan Council, who shall have all the rights and privileges of Lay Deputies."

The proposed amendment to Article III of the Constitution, to add thereto the words, "And one Lay Deputy from each Organized Mission, elected by the officers thereof," passed its first reading.

On motion, the name of Mr. W. O. Ames was substituted for that of J. H. Randolph, M. D., as a Deputy from St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

The proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution, as follows, "Strike out, in the second line, before the word *clergymen*, the word "*three*," and insert "*four*," passed its third reading, and was laid over to the next Council.

After a short recess, the Council proceeded to the election of a Treasurer. The Rev's Mr. Knight and Mr. Reardon were appointed tellers, when Mr. C. B. Benedict was declared elected.

The Committee to select a Seal for the Diocese, reported as follows :

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the selection of a Seal for the Diocese, report, that upon consultation with the Bishop, they have agreed that the present Episcopal Seal, with some change in lettering, would be appropriate, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the present Episcopal Seal be adopted as the Seal of the Diocese, changing the lettering so as to read, "Diocese of Florida, Organized A. D. 1838."

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CARTER, Chairman.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on the "Admission of New Parishes," made the following report

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes, hereby report that no business has been submitted to them by the Council.

R. H. WELLER, JR., Chairman.

The resignation of Mr. J. S. Winthrop, as Trustee of the Uni-

versity of the South, was received and accepted, and Mr. George R. Fairbanks was elected to fill the vacancy.

The election for Chancellor of the Diocese being called for, Mr. L. I. Fleming was declared elected to fill that office.

On Motion, Messrs. Hubbard, Hore, Foster, Reardon, Dotterer and Schuyler were excused from further attendance on the Council. Mr. Copeland was, also, excused until Monday.

Resolved, That the Council take a recess until Divine Service at 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 5, 8 P. M.

The Council reassembled after recess. The Bishop being absent, the Rev. Dr. Scott presided.

Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Meany, and the Rev. Dr. Carter.

The Rev. Mr. Williams read the report of the "Woman's Auxiliary Society for Missions," and gave an interesting account of the present Missionary work of the Diocese.

The Rev. R. H. Weller, Jr., gave an account of the Missionary work in Marion and Sumter Counties, and the Rev. A. W. Knight, of the same work in the Mission about Lake Eustis.

The Rev. Dr. Scott, closed the services with prayer and benediction.

The Council retired to the Sunday-School room, and adjourned, to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. on Saturday.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, May 6, 10 A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Rev. Dr. Scott in the chair. After prayer by the Chairman, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The Rev. Mr. Snowden appeared and took his seat.

On motion, it was,

Resolved, That the Chairman be requested to furnish the Secretary with the substance of his remarks in presenting the Memorial notice of Mr. Francis Eppes, on yesterday, to be entered upon the journal.

The proposed amendment of Article III, of the Constitution, passed its second reading.

The Committee on the State of the Church, presented their report, as follows :

The Committee on the State of the Church, to whom was referred the Bishop's Annual Address, and the Parochial and Missionary Reports, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to present the annexed tabular statement as exhibiting the condition of the Diocese at this time, as compared with the report made to the last Council. In some instances, there has been a slight falling off as shown by figures, but in the main we note with pleasure an increase ; indication of steady and wholesome growth. But under these figures, which speak of course for themselves, and must be relied on as statistics, we discover a feeling of increased earnestness and determination on the part of the Bishop, the Clergy and Lay-people to work for Christ and the Church in our Diocese. There is a decided improvement in Missionary efforts and consequently in results, and with the completion of certain modes of travel now in progress or contemplation, we will be drawn nearer together and become a more compact body, and may congratulate the Diocese with hope of being able to put forth more strenuous efforts for the enlargement of our Master's work through His Church.

Your Committee will venture to express the belief that under more auspicious circumstances the colored people will receive from us due consideration. That there exists deep feeling on this particular part of our work, we see no cause for doubt, and our belief that soon we may be able to congratulate the Church on our efforts in this behalf, and through the blessing of God, practical results will follow, bringing good to man and glory to our God.

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL AND MISSIONARY REPORTS.

Number of Families.....	957
Persons not so included.....	863
Total of Persons.....	4,792
Lay Readers.....	29
Baptisms—Adults.....	40
Infants.....	294
Total.....	334
Confirmed.....	158
Communicants—Admitted.....	156
Added by Removal.....	68
Lost by Removal.....	207
Lost by Death.....	59
Present number.....	1,789
Marriages.....	108
Burials.....	211
Sunday School Teachers.....	244
Sunday School Scholars.....	1,381
Parish School Teachers.....	6
Parish School Scholars.....	99
Number of Services.....	2,382
Holy Communion Times.....	390
Value of Church Property, Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 103,750
Rectory and Grounds.....	15,000
School Property.....	7,700
Other Property.....	20,570
Total of values.....	148,920
Insurance.....	48,700
Indebtedness.....	*1,370
Contributions—Parochial.....	\$12,040 07
Diocesan Assessment.....	1,130 00
Diocesan Missions.....	1,290 46
Domestic Missions.....	148 09
Foreign Missions.....	77 68
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	108 34
Communion Alms.....	589 78
Other Purposes.....	8,007 52
Total Contributions.....	\$23,391 89
Number of Sitzings.....	4,490 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. SCOTT, Chairman.

The report was received and ordered entered in the Journal.

The Committee on Christian Education presented a report, after which there was an animated discussion of the whole subject of education.

The resignation of Dr. A. S. Baldwin, as a member of the Finance Committee, was accepted by the Council.

*Of this amount, \$1,200 is due by St. Paul's Key West, and \$170 by St. James', Lake City. Total, \$1,370.00.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary is hereby directed to print 500 copies of the Journal of this Council, and distribute in the usual manner.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to the Secretary the sum of \$40.00 to defray the expenses of his office.

The Rev. Messrs Meany, Carter and Snowden, were excused from attendance on Monday next.

The Finance Committee presented the following schedule of Assessments, which, on motion, was received and adopted :

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS.

Trinity Church.....	St. Augustine.....	\$100
St. John's.....	Tallahassee.....	110
St. Paul's.....	Key West.....	250
St. John's.....	Jacksonville.....	350
St. James'.....	Lake City.....	20
St. Mary's.....	Milton.....	40
St. Luke's.....	Marianna.....	20
Trinity.....	Apalachicola.....	20
Christ's Church.....	Pensacola.....	240
St. Mark's.....	Palatka.....	75
St. Peter's.....	Fernandina.....	100
Christ Church.....	Monticello.....	30
Trinity.....	Gainesville.....	30
Mission at.....	Maitland.....	20
Mission at.....	Sanford.....	10
Mission at.....	Longwood.....	10
Mission at.....	Orlando.....	15
Mission at.....	Margaretta.....	5
St. Matthew's Mission.....	San Mateo.....	10
Holy Comforter Mission.....	Crescent City.....	10
Grace Mission.....	Orange Park.....	15
Mission at.....	Cedar Key.....	50
Church of our Saviour.....	Mandarin.....	10
St. Mary's Mission.....	Green Cove.....	20
Grace Church.....	Ocala.....	40
All Saints' Mission.....		10
Santa Fe Mission.....		20
St. Mary's Mission.....	Madison.....	20
Federal Point Mission.....		10
Lake Eustis Mission.....		10
Total.....		\$1,670

E. K. FOSTER, Chairman of Finance Com.

May 6, 1882.

Resolved, That this Council attend, in a body, the services for the consecration of St. John's Church, Jacksonville, on to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Council adjourn to 10 o'clock on Monday.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, May 8, 10 A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair. After prayers, the Council proceeded to business.

The minutes of fourth day's session were read and approved.

The proposed amendment of Article III, of the Constitution, adding one more clerical member to the Standing Committee, passed its third reading, and was laid over for the action of the next Council.

In response to the request made on Saturday, the Rev. Dr. Scott presented for insertion in the journal, the following remarks, made by him, in offering the memorial notice of MR. FRANCIS EPPES:

GENTLEMEN :—Before the question is taken, if you will allow me, I will say a few words of him whom we mourn. Mr. Eppes was one of the workers in laying the foundation of the Church in this State, and through many years, subsequent to this auspicious event, continued equally earnest, steadfast and devoted. The journals of our Convention are in evidence that all along, reaching into age and change of temporal circumstances, he never relaxed, but stood shoulder to shoulder with other good men in doing valient service for Christ and his Church. Among his co-laborers, in the day of small things, Florida was fortunate in having associated with him other men of intelligence and virtue, and a high sense of duty, in our Christian calling. We may recall with gratitude, the names and deeds of some of these good men, associated in our mind with Church work at that early period, and inseparably connected with that of Francis Eppes. I mention, then, the names of Walker Anderson. Marvin, Thomas Douglas, Brown, Randolph. Thomas Hayward, Robert Gamble, George R. Fairbanks, who is yet with us, though I regret to say, not in the Council, and another gentleman, who is in my eye, whose name I refrain from enunciating from motives of delicacy, and just one more, whom I have reserved for the last, because he was more intimately connected in Church work than any other with Mr. Eppes, and that was Major John Beard. All of these gentlemen undoubtedly received the Church as a reality, and yielded to her willing and cheerful obedience in consecrating their time and other necessary service, in due measure to her welfare. The names of Beard and Eppes, however, were closely coupled together, as the most intimate friends and companions, among the laity, of the saintly Rutledge, and after he became our Bishop, to none could he resort, when he desired to do so, with more

confidence, for judicious council in affairs pertaining to his office, than to John Beard and Francis Eppes. May the time never come, when these true and faithful servants of Christ in his Church in Florida, shall be forgotten among us, or their labors of love and mercy, for the good of men and the glory of God, be under-estimated by those who survive them, for like all who have been thus employed, their works do follow after them.

On motion,

Resolved, That an invitation from St. John's Church, Jacksonville, to attend the consecration of their Church Edifice, having been received and accepted on Saturday last, the Secretary enter upon the minutes the statement that this Council attended, in a body, these solemn services, on yesterday the 7th inst.

Resolved, That after the usual devotions this Council adjourn, *sine die*.

R. H. WELLER,
Secretary.

JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG, S. T. D.,
President of the Council.

CHANGES IN CANONS.

Canon IV., Section 1, strike out "baptized person," and insert "communicant."

Canon XI, Section 5, after the word "Church," in third line, insert "and."

Canon XIX., after Section 5, add "The officers of an organized Mission, may appoint one Layman, a male communicant of the Church, in good standing in the Mission, to represent the Mission in the Diocesan Council, who shall have all the rights and privileges of Lay Deputies."

Article XI., of the Articles of Association is amended so as to read: "In the case of the dissolution or extinction of this association, from any cause whatever, the lands, tenements and other estates, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida."

New Canon XII., "Of the Chancellor," added.

APPENDICES.

(APPENDIX A.)

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

The lapse of another year brings us together as the Council of our Diocese; and as at our last meeting it was our privilege to record the fact that during the year preceding, our ranks had not been invaded by death, the same record can we make to-day, with gratitude to GOD that our lives have been all preserved and the blessed privilege thereby accorded us of longer laboring in His blessed vineyard. But while our ranks as a body have remained unbroken, one of our brethren has fallen asleep in our midst.

The Rev. J. Hamilton Quinby who was for a number of years connected with this Diocese, and went from us as a missionary to Japan, having returned to this country on a visit, died at Monticello a few weeks ago. Mr. Quinby when with us was conscientious and earnest, and no doubt was the same to the end of his career, although I have heard nothing whatever respecting his life and labors since he left this Diocese.

In the week immediately following the close of our last Council, I resumed my visitations of the Diocese, and on the 15th of May, it being the 4th Sunday after Easter, I consecrated CHRIST Church, Cedar Key. Besides the Rector the Rev. Mr. Rodifer was present and assisting, and preached at the services, both morning and evening. At night I confirmed *seven*.

On Monday following I proceeded to Bronson, unattended by any Priest, and at night said Evening Prayer, preached and confirmed *eleven*. This class had been mainly prepared by a devoted Layman who for several years has been acting there as Lay Reader.

The next day, Tuesday, May 17th, I proceeded to Fairbanks, where I was met by Mr. Rodifer, the Missionary in charge, and in the afternoon I preached and confirmed *two*.

The day following I proceeded to Waldo, accompanied by Mr. Rodifer, and in the afternoon I preached and confirmed *four*.

The next day I went to Santa Fe, still accompanied by Mr. Rodifer, and in the afternoon I preached and confirmed *one*.

The next day I proceeded to Gainesville, and on the 5th Sunday after Easter, in the morning, I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, and at night I also preached and confirmed *four*. On Monday I confirmed one in private, who could not be present the evening before.

On the Sunday after Ascension I visited S. Peter's, Fernandina. In the morning I preached, celebrated the Holy Communion, and confirmed *three*. A severe storm prevented the evening service.

On Friday, June 3d, I consecrated Emanuel Church, Welaka. The Rev. Mr. Williams, the Missionary in charge, as also the Rev. Mr. Martin, being present and assisting.

I preached, celebrated the Holy Communion, and confirmed *ten*. This was a most gratifying result, indeed, of afternoon visits once a month for three or four years, where there was scarcely an adherent of the Church when the Missionary began his visits, and where but seldom were any religious services held at all.

The next day I left for Orlando, to confer with the people about building a Church, and securing a proper site for the same.

On the Saturday following I returned to Jacksonville, and on Sunday, it being Trinity Sunday, I assisted in the services and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in S. John's, Jacksonville.

On the 1st Sunday after Trinity, unassisted, I officiated and preached in Grace Church, Ocala. It was with difficulty that I got through this service, and I found myself too much enfeebled again to attempt further ministration during the heat of mid-summer, and I made preparations to leave as soon as practicable for the mountains of Virginia, to seek in a colder climate the recuperation of my health.

On Advent Sunday, November 27th, I ordained to the Deaconate, in S. John's Church, Jacksonville, Mr. Albion W. Knight, Jr. The candidate was presented by the Rector, who preached the sermon, the Assistant Minister being also present and assisting in the services.

On the 15th of December, at Spring Hill, near Mobile, the residence of the Bishop of Alabama, Mr. Cornelius A. Apple, a candidate for Orders of this Diocese, was admitted to the Deaconate by the Bishop of Alabama, kindly acting for me in this matter, at my request. Mr. Apple came to us from the Methodists, bringing the highest testimonials, and being a man of good natural abilities, and well educated, bids fair to render good service to the Church. I assigned to him Apalachicola as his present field of labor, where he entered at once upon his ministerial duties.

On Christmas day I assisted in the services and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in S. John's Church, Jacksonville.

Monday, December 26th, I started for Orange County to look after several matters requiring attention, and more especially to secure the speedy erection of a Church edifice at Orlando. On Friday, December 30th, I met the few Church people of that town and neighborhood, and made such proposals to them of aid from a fund given to me for such purpose, on condition of their doing their utmost to help themselves, as to result in their raising three times as much as the most sanguine supposed could be gotten, and so secured the erection of the much needed Church. The finest site in or about the town was decided upon and secured, it being the crown of a ridge, descending to a lake, within two blocks of the Court-house, and therefore very central and accessible, and containing one acre of land. Subsequently the contract for the erection of the building was made with a very competent builder, and I suppose that the lumber is cut and on the ground seasoning, before this, though I have no recent information touching this matter.

On the 1st Sunday after Epiphany I visited Grace Church, Ocala. In the morning I celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and at night I confirmed *six*, being the most important class for its num-

bers that I ever confirmed, four of them being among the foremost and most influential men of Marion County.

On the 2d Sunday after Epiphany I again officiated in Grace Church, Ocala. In the morning I celebrated the Holy Communion, and at night I confirmed *one*.

The sermons on all these occasions were preached by the Minister in charge. The progress that the Church is making in this place is most gratifying, more than keeping pace, relatively, as it does, with the growth and improvement of the town and surrounding country.

On the 4th Sunday after Epiphany I visited Federal Point. I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and after service baptised in private a mother and two children.

On Quinquagesima Sunday I visited the Mission at Mandarin, and in the morning I preached and confirmed *seven*, nearly all of whom had been Presbyterian communicants, and some for twenty years. The success of Mr. Sturgis' Mission to this community has been as extraordinary as it has been gratifying. When he commenced his labors, there was scarcely an adherent of the Church in this whole community. There were Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Unitarians and Methodists, but no Church people, and they had been for years without any stated religious services, excepting such as were rendered by Professor Stowe during his residence there in the winter months. But Mr. Sturgis has united this whole intelligent community upon himself, and thereby upon the Church of which he is so happy a representative, inasmuch that the offerings at the last Easter towards the erection of a Church were over five hundred dollars, for which five hundred dollars had been before that secured, so that in the near future, it may reasonably be hoped, that community may be blessed with a house of God, which shall be their highest joy for His worship and glory.

The 1st Sunday in Lent I spent at Hibernia, and found the Chapel there nearly completed, and that the services of the Rev. Mr. Erben, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, who has been officiating there during the winter were highly acceptable.

On the 3d of March I proceeded to Tallahassee for the visita-

tion of S. John's Church, and on Saturday, the 4th, I confirmed *one* person who was obliged to leave town immediately. On Sunday, in the morning, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist after a sermon by the Rector, and at night I preached and confirmed *four*.

On the 3d Sunday in Lent I visited a portion of Rev. Mr. Snowden's Mission. In the morning, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Howard, of the Diocese of Albany, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist and confirmed *four*, and in the afternoon after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Howard, at Marguarita, I confirmed *three*.

On the 4th Sunday in Lent I visited Green Cove Spring. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and in the afternoon I confirmed *one*, being assisted in both services by the Rev. Mr. Knight, the Missionary in charge.

Monday, March 20th, I proceeded to Federal Point to confer with the people about the erection of their Church.

On the 5th Sunday in Lent, I visited St. Mark's Church, Palatka. In the morning I preached, the Rev. Mr. Broadwell temporarily in charge, officiating, and at night the Rev. Mr. Williams preached. There was no confirmation. I found the Parish in a very unsatisfactory condition, and before leaving arranged with the Vestry to put the Parish under the administration of the Rev. Mr. Williams, with the understanding that with the aid of an assistant he should still retain the direction of the Missionary Stations heretofore constituting his field of labor. I hope that a better state of things will be realized ere long at Palatka as the result of this arrangement.

Wednesday, March 29th, I went to Fort George with reference to commencing the erection of a Church at that place.

On Palm Sunday I visited Trinity Church, St. Augustine. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At night I again preached and confirmed *ten*.

Wednesday, April 5th, at night, I visited the Church at Cedar Key, preached and confirmed *four*, the Rector assisting in the services.

On Easter Day I visited S. Paul's Church, Key West. In the morning, after a sermon by the Rector, I celebrated the Holy

Eucharist, and at night I preached and confirmed *seventeen*, three being from S. Peter's Parish and two from S. John's Cuban Mission. I was gratified at the improved condition of this important Parish under the administration of the Rev. Mr. Lyne, who entered upon his duties on the 1st Sunday in Advent. The death of both of the last two Rectors by yellow fever, and the interregnum consequent thereupon, in the last case being more than a year, wrought great detriment to the Parish, which I was glad to find was being gradually repaired. I hope much for the future of the Parish from the judicious and faithful labors of the present incumbent.

On the Sunday after Easter I visited Trinity Church, Gainesville. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, and at night I again preached and confirmed *sixteen*.

On the 2d Sunday after Easter I visited CHRIST Church, Pensacola. In the morning I preached, after Morning Prayer by the Rector, and at night I preached and confirmed *thirteen*.

Tuesday, April 25th, being S. Mark's Day, I visited S. Mary's Church, Milton at night, and confirmed *four*. The Rev. Dr. Scott accompanied me on this visit, and with the Minister of the Parish assisted me in the services.

The present condition and prospects of the Church in Florida, arising mainly out of the rapid strides our State is making in the development of her resources, increase of population and improvement of every kind, are full of hope and cheer for the future. I need not dwell upon particulars for they are known by all alike. Nor need I repeat what I have said in previous addresses as to the increase of our responsibilities to the Great Head of the Church, with the increase of our opportunities for advancing His Church and Kingdom in our midst. There is now a demand upon us, such as we have never known before, for our best efforts and largest contributions, to push forward the work of the Church in every portion of our widely-extended Diocese. I hope that we shall all duly realize how great are our responsibilities, and how blessed are our opportunities of doing all in our power for Him who gave Himself for us, and for those for whose salvation He has made us co-workers with Him.

There is one matter that I regret to have to speak of, but feel constrained to do it for the vindication of the Church, by making known her deliberate and declared judgment touching the same. In one or more instances it has been brought to my attention, that Clergymen of the Church have attended places of theatrical amusement within this Diocese.

The drama is undoubtedly a legitimate department of art, but it has been subjected to such deep degradation, and has been so prostituted to licentiousness and immorality in the great majority of modern popular plays, that very many are unfit for the Laity, much less for the Clergy, to encourage and sustain by their attendance upon them. It is true that there is no specific Canon or rule of the Church touching this matter, nor surely is anything of this sort necessary to prompt the professed disciple of CHRIST, who is truly such, to refrain from countenancing what is often repugnant to decency, morals, and social refinement. So important has this matter been regarded by the Fathers of our Church, that more than sixty years ago they pronounced their judgment upon this matter in very unequivocal terms. In the General Convention of 1817, on Tuesday, May 27th, the House of Bishops passed the following resolution :

“Resolved, That the following be entered on the Journal of this House, and be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to be read therein :

“The House of Bishops, solicitous for the preservation of the Church, and the piety of its members, are induced to impress upon the Clergy the important duty, with a discreet but earnest zeal, of warning the people of their respective cures, of the danger of an indulgence in those worldly pleasures which may tend to withdraw the affections from spiritual things. And especially on the subject of gaming, of amusements involving cruelty to the brute creation, and of theatrical representations, to which some peculiar circumstances have called their attention—they do not hesitate to express their unanimous opinion, that these amusements, as well from their licentious tendency, as from the strong temptations to vice, which they afford, ought not to be frequented. And the Bishops cannot refrain from expressing their deep regret at the information that in some of our large cities so little respect is paid to the feelings of the members of the Church, that theatrical representations are fixed for the evenings of her most solemn festivals.”

And what was the judgment of the House of Bishops in 1817, has been the judgment and practice of the Church ever since so far as respects the Clergy, and very generally as respects the devout Laity. During my twelve years' residence in the city of New York, with its more than two hundred Clergymen, I never heard of more than two, or at the most three, ever entering a theatre, and I scarcely ever heard of one attending the opera, though the highest efforts of genius in both the drama and opera are rendered every season by the most accomplished artists that the present age has produced. Oftentimes these performances are entirely unobjectionable, but the feeling of the Clergy almost universally is, that, though lawful, their attendance upon them is inexpedient, as their example in doing this, even in cases where there is nothing to object to, will be likely to be taken by others as a warrant for an indiscriminating and unrestrained license. And the Clergy, above all others are, or ought to be "wholesome examples to the flock of CHRIST."

Since our last Council I have received into the Diocese by letter dismissory from the Bishop of Vermont, the Rev. J. H. Weddell; by letter from the Bishop of Ohio, the Rev. S. B. Carpenter, and by letter from the Bishop of Louisiana, the Rev. C. F. D. Lyne.

I have received the following notices of deposition from the Holy Ministry :

By the Bishop of Illinois, of the Rev. Wm. H. Hopkins.

By the Bishop of Northern New Jersey, of the Rev. George L. Brooks, M. D.

By the Bishop of Texas, of the Rev. Stephen G. Burton.

By the Missionary Bishop of Yedo, Japan, of the Rev. Isaac R. Yokoyama.

By the Missionary Bishop of Nevada, of the rejection of Mr. George W. Fitch, a candidate for Holy Orders.

By the Bishop of North Carolina, of the deposition of the Rev. Edward G. Gilliam.

By the Bishop of Western Michigan, of the deposition of the Rev. Wm. W. Fellows.

By the Bishop of Albany, of the deposition of the Rev. Isaac Newton Dexter, for causes not effecting his moral character.

By the Bishop of Iowa, of the Rev. William N. Colegrove.

By the Bishop of Virginia, of the Rev. T. Jervis-Edwards.

And by the Assistant-Bishop of Kentucky, of the suspension from the Ministry of the Rev. Roland Brent.

Commending ourselves, dear brethren, and each other to CHRIST our GOD, let us devoutly invoke the presence and aid of His Blessed SPIRIT to direct us in all our works and ways.

JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG,

Bishop of Florida.

(APPENDIX B.)
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Annual report of the financial affairs of the Diocese, for the fiscal year, ending May 3d, 1882.

RECEIPTS.

For General Diocesan Fund	\$1,241 47
Diocesan Missions.....	1,155 56
Santa Fe.....	25 00
St. Mark's Mission Chapel.....	166 00
Total.....	\$2,888 03

EXPENDITURES.

For the Episcopate.	\$ 936 65
Printing.....	83 25
Account Standing Committee.....	27 55
“ Secretary of Council.....	50 00
“ Executive Committee.....	3 00
“ Church at Waldo.....	141 88
Diocesan Missions.....	1,575 00
Total.....	\$2,817 33

BALANCE IN TREASURY.

For General Diocesan Fund.....	\$ 844 16
Diocesan Missions.....	738 85
St. Mark's Mission Chapel.....	166 00
Total.....	\$1,749 01

General statement of receipts and disbursements :

RECEIPTS.

1881.		
May.....4,	By Balance	\$ 1,678 31
Do.....6,	St. Mark's Palatka Diocesan Missions.....	22 00
Do.....6,	Trinity, St. Augustine, Diocesan Missions.....	12 50
Do.....6,	Grace Mission, Orange Park.	70 65
Do.....6,	Christ's Church, Monticello	30 00
Do.....7,	Trinity Church, St. Augustine.....	40 00
Do.....9,	St. John's, Jacksonville Diocesan Missions.....	35 80
Do.....11,	Orange County Missions.....	10 00
Do.....21,	A friend	5 00
Do.....21,	Orange County Missions.....	10 00
Do.....28,	Cedar Key Mission	21 50
June.....1,	Women's Auxillary Society for Diocesan Miss'ns	101 58
Do.....18,	Contributions, Rev. O. P. Thackara, for Santa Fe,	20 00
Do.....22,	St. John's Church, Tallahassee	36 00
Do.....23,	Rev. O. P. Thackara, Contributions for Santa Fe Mission.....	5 00

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July.....11,.....	Women's Auxillary Society for Diocesan Miss'ns	\$ 103 62
Do.....25,.....	Christ's Church, Pensacola.....	60 00
Do.....	April 26.....	60 00
Aug.....1,.....	St. Peter's, Fernandina.....	25 00
Do.....12,.....	Women's Auxillary Society for Diocesan Miss'ns	102 21
Do.....30,.....	St. Mary's, Milton.....	30 00
Sept.....7,.....	Women's Auxillary Society for Diocesan Miss'ns	120 80
Oct.....18,.....	" " " " " "	83 84
Nov.....8,.....	" " " " " "	100 55
Do.....8,.....	St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.....	25 00
Dec.....5,.....	Christ's Church, Pensacola, Diocesan Missions....	20 75
Do.....9,.....	Women's Auxillary Society, for Diocesan Miss'ns	84 40

1882.

Jan.....5,.....	Women's Auxillary Society, for Diocesan Miss'ns	100 44
Do.....6,.....	Christ's Church, Pensacola.....	60 00
Do.....16,.....	St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.....	25 00
Feb.....6,.....	Woman's Aux. Society, for Diocesan Missions.....	91 59
Do.....8,.....	St. Mary's Church, Milton.....	10 00
Mar.....7,.....	Church of our Saviour, Mandarin.....	10 00
Do.....9,.....	Woman's Aux. Society, for Diocesan Missions....	90 70
Do.....15,.....	St. John's Church, Tallahassee.....	82 20
Do.....31,.....	St. Mary's, Milton.....	10 00
April.....3,.....	St. Peter's, Fernandina.....	25 00
Do.....6,.....	Woman's Aux. Society, for Diocesan Missions....	136 52
Do.....15,.....	Grace Church, Orange Park Diocesan Missions...	51 37
Do.....18,.....	St. Paul's, Federal Point Diocesan Mission.....	11 00
Do.....18,.....	Church Holy Comforter, Crescent City.....	10 00
Do.....19,.....	Mrs. Margaret C. Munn, for Chapel, St. Mark's Mis	166 00
Do.....19,.....	St. Mathew's, San Mateo.....	10 00
Do.....19,.....	Trinity, St. Augustine Diocesan Missions.....	83 48
Do.....19,.....	Cedar Key Mission, Diocesan Missions.....	3 17
Do.....24,.....	Trinity, St. Augustine.....	40 00
May.....1,.....	Cedar Key Mission.....	31 30
Do.....2,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society, Diocesan Missions..	102 76
Do.....3,.....	Christ Church, Pensacola.....	60 00
Do.....3,.....	Grace Church, Ocala.....	30 00
Do.....3,.....	Christ Church, Monticello.....	80 00
Do.....3,.....	St. John's Church, Tallahassee.....	31 80
Do.....3,.....	St. Mary's Church, Madison.....	2 00
Do.....3,.....	St. John's Church, Tallahassee.....	31 80
Do.....3,.....	St. Mary's Church, Madison.....	2 00
Do.....3,.....	St. John's Church, Jacksonville.....	350 00
Do.....3,.....	Trinity Church, Gainesville.....	30 00
Do.....3,.....	Grace Mission, Orange Park.....	10.00
Total.....		\$ 4,566 34

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DISBURSEMENTS.

May.....6,.....	To paid Rt. Rev. J. F. Young.....	\$ 784 50
Do.....7,.....	Rev. O. Taylor, Missionary.....	80 00
Do.....23,.....	Expenses of Council.....	20 00
Do.....30,.....	Rt. Rev. J. F. Young.....	65 50
June.....9,.....	Rev. H. B. Stuart Martin, Missionary.....	25 00
Do.....10,.....	Printing Journal.....	83 25
Do.....23,.....	Account Standing Committee.....	3 50
Do.....23,.....	Rev. C. S. Williams, Missionary.....	75 00
Do.....23,.....	Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary.....	50 00
Do.....23,.....	Rev. C. P. Rodifer, Missionary.....	100 00
Do.....23,.....	Rev. J. B. Baez, Missionary.....	50 00
Do.....23,.....	Rev. C. E. McDougal, Missionary.....	40 00
Do.....23,.....	Rev. O. Taylor, Missionary.....	25 00
July.....2,.....	Church at Waldo.....	87 00
Sept.....29,.....	Account Missionary Committee.....	2 35
Oct.....4,.....	Rev. H. B. Stuart Martin, Missionary.....	25 00
Do.....4,.....	Rev. C. S. Williams, Missionary.....	75 00
Do.....4,.....	Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary.....	50 00
Do.....4,.....	Rev. J. B. Baez, Missionary.....	50 00
Do.....4,.....	Rev. C. E. McDougal, Missionary.....	40 00
Do.....4,.....	Rev. O. Taylor, Missionary.....	25 00
Nov.....4,.....	Expenses Secretary of Council.....	20 00

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Dec.....5,.....	Account Standing Committee.....\$	10 00
Do30,.....	Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary.....	50 00
Do .....31,.....	Rev. H. B. Stuart Martin, Missionary.....	25 00
Do .....31,.....	Rev. C. S. Williams, Missionary.....	75 00
Do .....31,.....	Rev. J. B. Baez, Missionary.....	50 00
Do .....31,.....	Rev. C. E. McDougal, Missionary.....	40 00
Do .....31,.....	Rev. O. Taylor, Missionary.....	25 00
1872		
Jan.....7,.....	Account Standing Committee.....	7 00
Feb.....10,.....	Account Standing Committee.....	4 70
Do .....10,.....	Rev. C. A. Apple.....	150 00
Do .....10,.....	Insurance Church at Waldo.....	24 84
Do .....15,.....	Stationery for Church at Waldo.....	3 00
March.....30,.....	Expenses Secretary of Council.....	10 00
April.....3,.....	Rev. J. B. Baez, Missionary.....	50 00
Do .....3,.....	Rev. O. Taylor.....	25 00
Do .....3,.....	Rev. C. S. Williams.....	50 00
Do .....3,.....	Rev. C. A. Apple.....	50 00
Do .....3,.....	Rev. C. S. Snowden.....	50 00
Do .....3,.....	Rev. H. B. Stuart Martin.....	25 00
Do .....3,.....	Rev. C. E. McDougal.....	40 00
Do .....3,.....	Rt. Rev. J. F. Young, for Mr. Martin's Horse.....	125 00
Do .....10,.....	Rt. Rev. J. F. Young.....	88 65
May.....2,.....	Woman's Auxillary Society.....	10 00
Do .....2,.....	Church at Waldo.....	30 00
Do .....3,.....	Rev. C. S. Williams, Missionary.....	25 00
	Balance	1,749 01
Total.....		\$ 4,566 34

(APPENDIX C.)

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS IN THE
DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.

In making our annual report, we desire first thankfully to acknowledge the goodness of our Heavenly Father in permitting us to labor for Him another year.

There has been nothing unusual in its regular routine, we have simply been "digging quietly and cheerfully at the little furrows that Providence has assigned to us," and lo! on looking over the field, we find it bearing fruit.

Our total receipts for the year just closed are \$1,218.51, and the Branch in St. John's Parish, Jacksonville, sent at Christmas to distant Mission Sunday Schools six boxes, whose total value was \$136.00—besides aiding three others near home.

It pains us to find a selfish spirit whispering abroad that the offerings of this or that Branch ought to be given back to its own section, whereas in our union only is strength.

We feel sure that the funds are used impartially for all sections; but would suggest that perhaps the dissatisfaction alluded to, arises from the ignorance in which the workers are left as to the particular destination of the funds they collect.

We think it would arouse new interest and keep up the old, tending to better work in every way, if they were told to whom the money goes, where, when and how much. Collecting money is a monotonous and up-hill work at best, and it becomes almost an impossibility where there is no personal interest in the cause.

We have had no new Branch added, but the Society—if it has not advanced, at least, has not lost ground, and by this sign we feel our Master is still working with us and in His own good time will make this little one to become a thousand.

We try to be patient and content in *serving*—and with one

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In this place we join with one of old England's latest and
 sweetest singers :

" Another year of progress,
 Another year of praise,
 Another year of proving
 Thy presence all the days."

" Another year of service,
 Of witness for Thy love,
 Another year of training
 For holier work above."

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. H. SWART, Directress.

MRS. M. R. BURTON, Treasurer.

MISS H. R. PERKHILL, Secretary.

STATE OF FLORIDA. IN ACCOUNT WITH MARY R. BURTON, TREASURER WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS IN FLORIDA :

1881-1882—AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

Grace Church Parish, Ocala.....	\$	5	85	
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Trinity Church Parish, Gainesville.....		6	60	
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Christ Church Parish, Monticello.....		2	40	
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St. Mary's Church Parish, Milton.....		4	30	
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APPENDIX C—TREASURER'S REPORT.

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May.....16,.....	St John's Church	Parish, Jacksonville.....	\$ 68 53	
June.....10,.....	do	do do do do	58 76	
July.....15,.....	do	do do do do	59 54	
Aug.....16,.....	do	do do do do	65 00	
Sept.....13,.....	do	do do do do	50 04	
Oct.....11,.....	do	do do do do	51 25	
Nov.....14,.....	do	do do do do	63 50	
Dec.....14,.....	do	do do do do	61 89	
Jan.....11,.....	do	do do do do	57 09	
Feb.....17,.....	do	do do do do	66 00	
March.....16,.....	do	do do do do	52 95	
April.....15,.....	do	do do do do	50 70—	\$ 705 25
May.....21,.....	St. Paul's Church	Parish, Key West.....	8 00	
July.....25,.....	do	do do do do	6 50	
Oct.....28,.....	do	do do do do	5 80	
March.....17,.....	do	do do do do	21 36—	41 66
Aug.....3,.....	St. Peter's Church	Parish, Fernandina.....	30 00	
Oct.....2,.....	do	do do do do	10 00	
Do.....21,.....	do	do do do do	10 00	
Dec.....20,.....	do	do do do do	20 00	
March.....6,.....	do	do do do do	30 00—	100 00
May.....25,.....	St. Mark's Church	Parish, Palatka.....	3 40	
June.....17,.....	do	do do do do	1 80	
July.....19,.....	do	do do do do	2 24	
Sept.....13,.....	do	do do do do	2 10	
Oct.....21,.....	do	do do do do	4 40	
Dec.....8,.....	do	do do do do	1 80	
Jan.....19,.....	do	do do do do	6 40	
Feb.....24,.....	do	do do do do	4 00	
April.....6,.....	do	do do do do	4 00	
Do.....22,.....	do	do do do do	1 15—	31 29
May.....31,.....	St. John's Church	Parish, Tallahassee.....	8 90	
July.....18,.....	do	do do do do	7 10	
Aug.....8,.....	do	do do do do	7 10	
Oct.....11,.....	do	do do do do	15 30	
Dec.....17,.....	do	do do do do	9 85	
Jan.....5,.....	do	do do do do	8 25	
March.....10,.....	do	do do do do	9 25	
April.....30,.....	do	do do do do	5 30—	70 55
June.....15,.....	Christ Church	Parish, Pensacola.....	16 50	
Aug.....3,.....	do	do do do do	8 20	
Oct.....21,.....	do	do do do do	10 00	
Feb.....16,.....	do	do do do do	4 40	
March.....20,.....	do	do do do do	5 00—	44 10
June.....20,.....	Christ Church	Parish, Cedar Key.....	2 55	
July.....11,.....	do	do do do do	1 90	
Do.....22,.....	do	do do do do	1 15	
Nov.....1,.....	do	do do do do	5 40—	11 00
July.....15,.....	Trinity Church	Parish, St. Augustine.....	6 90	
Sept.....15,.....	do	do do do do	6 65	
April.....28,.....	do	do do do do	19 10—	32 65
July.....19,.....	Rev. C. S. Snowden's	Mission S. Schools.....	3 78	
April.....20,.....	do	do do do do	3 14—	6 92
Dec.....30,.....	Holy Comforter Church	Parish, Crescent City.....	5 00	
Feb.....6,.....	do	do do do do do .	5 00	
March.....8,.....	do	do do do do do .	13 71	
April.....14,.....	do	do do do do do .	3 67—	27 38
Total.....			\$1,218 51	

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. BURTON, Treasurer.

(APPENDIX D.)

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

No. of families, 178. Persons not so included, 160. Total of persons, 1,050. Lay Readers, 5. Baptisms—Adults, 8; infants, 66; total, 74.—Confirmed, 23. Communicants—Admitted, 22; added by removal, 13; lost, 29; lost by death, 9; present number, 319. Marriages, 8. Burials, 45. Sunday School Teachers, 51; scholars, 356. No. of services, 659. Holy Communions—Times, 48.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 35,000 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	3,000 00
School Property.....	5,000 00
Other Property.....	4,000 00
Total of values.....	\$ 47,000 00
Insurance	25,300 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Sunday School.....	\$ 544 25
Parochial.....	3,312 69
Diocesan Assessment.....	350 00
Diocesan Missions.....	705 25
Domestic Missions.....	50 50
Foreign Missions.....	25 00
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	50 00
Debt on Church.....	3,100 00
Communion Alms.....	338 75
Other Purposes.....	275 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 8,769 44

No. of Sitzings (including Chapels), 1,200.

REMARKS.—Daily services have been continued with celebration of Holy Communion on all Festivals. Weekly services have been maintained in the three Mission Chapels, and monthly at St. Nicholas. The Sunday School continues to be a working power in the Parish, helping with its liberal contributions, every good work. The Woman's Auxiliary Society has responded with its usual energy, and the Ladies' Aid Society has been faithful in good works. The "Little Violets" have also contributed

lovingly, to good works within and without the Parish. The Ordination of Mr. Albion W. Knight to the Diaconate, makes the fifth contribution, to the list of the clergy, from this Parish in the past eight years. We are thankful to report our Church edifice free from debt, and ready for consecration. The Lay Readers have performed valuable services in our large mission work, and great praise is due to some other laymen for their successful devotion to the Mission Schools.

R. H. WELLER, Rector.

J. R. BICKNELL, Ass't. Minister.

CHRIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA.

No. of families, 73. Persons not so included, 100. Total of persons, 500. Lay Readers, 2. Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 16; total, 19. Confirmed, 13. Communicants—Added by removal, 3; lost by death, 1; present number, 179. Marriages, 6. Burials, 13. Sunday School Teachers, 13; scholars, 140. Parish School Teachers, 2; scholars, 60. No. of Services, 274. Holy Communion—Times, 16.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 12,000 00
School Property.....	2,200 00
Other Property.....	600 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 14,800 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 928 68
Diocesan Assessment.....	180 00
Diocesan Missions.....	82 80
Other Purposes.....	641 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 2,831 68

No. of Sitzings, 400.

J. J. SCOTT, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TALLAHASSEE.

No. of families, 63. Persons not so included, 25. Total of persons, 310. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 7; total, 8. Confirmed, 5. Communicants—Admitted, 5; added by removal, 7; lost, 4; lost by death, 3; present number, 113. Marriages, 3.

Burials, 7. Sunday School Teachers, 9; scholars, 65. No. of services, 290. Holy Communion—Times, 80.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 7,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 7,000 00
Insurance	4,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 1,340 80
Diocesan Assessment.....	100 00
Diocesan Missions.....	70 55
Domestic Missions.....	10 00
Foreign Missions.....	58 00
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	10 15
For the Jews.....	4 00
Communion Alms.....	48 70
Building Fund.....	908 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 2,545 00

No. of Sitzings, 400.

REMARKS.—I have also held services regularly at Lloyds and at Madison every month; and twice a month at the Lunatic Asylum by the request of the State Board. The contract has been signed for the building of a Church at Madison.

W. H. CARTER, Rector.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FERNANDINA.

No. of families, 47. Persons not so included, 14. Total of persons, 183. Lay Readers, 2. Baptisms—Infants, 11; total, 11. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Admitted, 3; added by removal, 6; lost, 3; lost by death, 2; present number, 56. Marriages, 7. Burials, 10. Sunday School Teachers, 7; scholars, 20. No. of services, 186. Holy Communion—Times, 24.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 5,000 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	2,500 00
Other Property.....	1,500 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 9,000 00
Insurance.....	\$ 1,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 1,107 15
Diocesan Assessment.....	100 00
Diocesan Missions.....	120 00
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	26 58
Building new Church.....	4,455 07
Total Contribution.....	\$ 5,808 80

No. of Sitzings, 130.

REMARKS.—The corner stone of a new Parish Church was laid in July last. The walls are built and ready for putting on the roof. It is expected that it will be ready for holding service in before the close of the year.

OWEN P. THACKARA, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, GAINESVILLE.

No. of families, 30. Persons not so included, 16. Total of persons, 139. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Adults, 8 ; infants, 9 ; total, 17. Confirmed, 21. Communicants—Admitted, 8 ; added by removal, 3 ; lost, 15 ; present number, 59. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Sunday School Teachers, 7 ; scholars, 62. No. of services, 208. Holy Communion—Times, 36.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 3,500 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 3,500 00
Insurance.....	2,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 400 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	30 00
Diocesan Missions.....	22 05
Foreign Missions.....	23 00
Other Purposes.....	250 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 725 05

No. of Sitzings, 250.

EDWARD W. MEANY, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, ST. AUGUSTINE.

No. of families, 42. Baptisms—Adults, 3 ; infants, 15 ; total, 18. Confirmed, 10. Communicants—Admitted, 11 ; present number, 75. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7. Sunday School Teachers, 9 ; scholars, 48. No. of services, 144. Holy Communion—Times, 20.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 15,000 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	5,000 00
Other Property.....	5,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 25,000 00
Insurance.....	50 00

APPENDIX D—PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Worship	\$ 774 00
Worship Assessment	40 00
Worship Missions	82 00
Worship Alms	124 00
Total Contributions	\$ 1,020 00

No. of Sitzings, 300.

REMARKS.—In addition to the above contributions, the Ladies' Aid Society have raised by subscriptions and otherwise \$ 100 towards the erection of a building on Church lot on Main Street.

E. ROOTE, Rector.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PALATKA.

No. of families, 20. Persons not so included, 8. Total of persons, 28. Lay Readers, 2. Communicants—Lost, 1; lost by death, 1, present number, 39. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday School Teachers, 4; scholars, 21. No. of services, 164. Holy Communion Times, 5.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$ 3,500 00
Rectory and Grounds	250 00
Total of Values	\$ 3,750 00
Indebtedness	3,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Worship Missions	\$ 23 82
Total Contributions	\$ 1,899 00

No. of Sitzings, 150.

REMARKS. Rev. Mr. Martin was Rector until July, 1881, and there was Lay Reading until January, 1882.

G. E. HAWES, Senior Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 125. Persons not so included, 22. Total of persons, 147. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 58; total, 59. Confirmed—Communicants—Admitted, 12; lost by leaving the Island, 15; lost by death, 16; present number, 130. Marriages, 33. Burials, 29. Sunday School Teachers, 39;

scholars, 325. No. of services twice on Sundays and daily in Lent. Holy Communion—Times, since December 4th, 6.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Church Edifice and Grounds.....	} \$ 7,000 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	
Total of Values.....	\$ 7,000 00
Indebtedness.....	1,200 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Parochial.....	\$ 708 70
Diocesan Assessment.....	250 00
Diocesan Missions.....	21 38
Domestic Missions.....	21 38
Other Purposes.....	5 82
Total Contributions.....	\$ 1,007 24

No. of Sitzings, 450.

REMARKS.—On my arrival in Key West, I found the Parish of St. Paul’s almost dead, as regards work ; and, but for a few energetic members, must, as far as man can see, have become defunct. I trust, however, by the blessing of God, that, ere long, the Church in Key West will resume her proper position in the Diocese.

CHAS. F. D. LYNE, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTICELLO.

No. of families, 12. Persons not so included, 4. Total of persons, 55. Baptisms—Infants, 6. Communicants—Present number, 25. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School Teachers, 5; scholars, 18. No. of services Sunday, 2 ; weekly, 1. Holy Communion—Times, per month, 1.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 1,000 00
Other Property (County Bonds, face,).....	8,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 9,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Parochial.....	\$ 800 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	30 00
Other Purposes.....	42 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 872 00

No. of Sitzings, 100.

THOMAS BONSALE, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, APALACHICOLA.

No. of families, 35. Persons not so included, 30. Total of persons, 200. Lay Readers, 2. Baptisms—Adults, 1 ; infants, 2 ; total, 3. Communicants—Present number, 45. Sunday School Teachers, 10 ; scholars, 50. No. of services (per week), 3.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 4,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 4,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 160 73
Other Purposes.....	200 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 360 73

No. of Sitzings, 400.

REMARKS.—Parish in a disorganized state—or partially so. No Rector for a year or so past. Now in charge of a Deacon. So no *Communion*s reported. No Episcopal visit since last Council—so no *Confirmations*. We are making strong efforts to repair Church building. This, with poverty of Parish, has prevented Missionary and other collections thus far. Collections date from Jan. 1, 1882.

C. A. APPLE, Minister.

GRACE CHURCH, OCALA.

No. of families, 11. Persons not so included, 11. Total of persons, 79. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Adults, 5 ; infants, 5 ; total, 10. Confirmed, 7. Communicants—Admitted, 7 ; added by removal, 3 ; lost by removal, 3 ; lost by death, 1 ; present number, 30. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday School Teachers, 4 ; scholars, 29. No. of services, 365. Holy Communion—Times, 5.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 1,200 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 1,200 00
Insurance	700 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 430 82
Diocesan Assessment.....	30 00
Diocesan Missions.....	31 36
Other Purposes.....	187 67
Total Contributions.....	\$ 679 85

No. of Sitzings, 80.

REMARKS.—The Parish is moving steadily onward, and does its work altogether without help from the Board of Missions.

R. H. WELLER, JR., Minister in Charge.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 40. Persons not so included, 200. Total of persons, 350. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 69. Confirmed, 2. Communicants—Admitted, 45; added by removal, 2; lost by removal, 150; lost by death, 24; present number, 350. Marriages, 30. Burials, 60. Sunday School Teachers, 3; scholars, 35. No. of services, 50. Holy Communion—Times, 14.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	}	\$ 300 00
Diocesan Assessment.....		
Total Contributions.....		\$ 300 00

JUAN B. BAEZ, Rector.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 13. Persons not so included, 84. Total of persons, 148. Baptisms—Infants, 10. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Added by removal, 3; lost, 6; lost by death, 1; present number, 31. Marriages, 6. Burials, 1. Sunday School Teachers, 4; scholars, 30. Holy Communion—Times, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms.....	\$ 1 10
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C. F. D. LYNE, in Charge.

CHRIST CHURCH, CEDAR KEY.

No. of families, 26. Persons not so included, 10. Total of persons, 114. Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 8; total, 11. Confirmed, 11. Communicants—Admitted, 9; added by removal, 8; lost, 1; present number, 44. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School Teachers, 4; scholars, 35. No. of services, 48. Holy Communion—Times, 15.

APPENDIX D—PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 2,500 00
Total of values.....	\$ 2,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 400 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	30 00
Diocesan Missions.....	19 17
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Other Purposes.....	300 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 749 17

No. of Sitzings, 250.

EDWARD W. MEANY, Rector.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, LAKE CITY.

No. of families, 15. Persons not so included, 4. Total of persons, 71. Baptisms—infants, 1; total, 1. Communicants—Admitted, 8; added by removal, 8; lost, 3; present number, 35. Sunday School Teachers, 5; scholars, 26. Parish School Teachers, 3; scholars, 14. No. of Services, 84. Holy Communion—Times, 30.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 2,000 00
School Property.....	500 00
Other Property.....	150 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 2,650 00
Insurance.....	1,750 00
Indebtedness.....	170 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 77 28
Diocesan Missions.....	2 48
Domestic Missions.....	2 48
Foreign Missions.....	2 48
Communion Alms.....	3 61
Other Purposes.....	62 57
Total Contributions.....	\$ 150 91

No. of Sitzings, 150.

REMARKS. — Daily services have been held during the year, with a general increase in attendance. Other contributions have been made (but not at altar), which is included in valuation of property. I have also in trust \$192.00 for building a colored school.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Rector.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MILTON.

No. of families, 18. Persons not so included, 6. Total of persons, 74. Baptisms—Infants, 3 ; total, 3. Confirmed, 4. Communicants—Present number, 17. Burials, 6. Sunday School Teachers, 4 ; scholars, 30. No. of services, 65.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 2,000 00
Other Property.....	375 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 2,375 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 432 20
Diocesan Assessment.....	50 00
Diocesan Missions.....	55 85
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Total Contribution.....	\$ 543 05

No. of Sitzings. 150.

REMARKS.—The amount above stated as contributed to Diocesan Missions is unavoidably only a an approximation. It may differ slightly from the report of the Diocesan Treasurer.

CHAS. E. McDOUGAL, Minister in Charge.

MISSIONS.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, SANFORD.

No. of families, 13. Persons not so included, 16. Total of persons, 33. Communicants—Added by removal, 6 ; present number, 15. No. of services, 28. Holy Communion—Times, 7.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms.....	\$ 61 27
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No. of Sitzings, 150.

REMARKS.—The Church building and Rectory are still unfinished. A sum sufficient for the windows has been subscribed, and with their insertion, it is hoped that night services will be possible.

S. B. CARPENTER, Missionary.

APPENDIX D—PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

HOLY COMFORTER CHURCH, CRESCENT CITY.

No. of families, 10. Persons not so included, 10. Total of persons, 30. Communicants—Added by removal, 1; present number, 10. No. of services, 32. Holy Communion—Times, 12.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 1,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 1,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 175 00
Blessman Assessment.....	10 00
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	2 50
Total Contributions.....	\$ 187 50

No. of Sitzings, 100.

REMARKS. Winter congregations were large. Lenten attendance was unusually good.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Missionary.

ST. MARK'S MISSION, DAYTONA.

No. of families, 12. Persons not so included, 5. Total of persons, 19. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Added by removal, 1; present number 21. Burials, 1. Sunday School Teachers, 3; scholars, 20. No. of services, 150. Holy Communion Times, 13.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church grounds, Donated.....	\$ 200 00
Other Property.....	125 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 325 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 255 00
Building Fund.....	316 00
Other Purposes.....	2 50
Total Contributions.....	\$ 573 50

No. of Sitzings, 50.

REMARKS. I took charge middle of June, 1881; have maintained services at Daytona, Port Orange and Ormond, three services each Sunday, except one Sunday a month from August to November, 1881, and in March and April, 1882, when three services have been held in DeLand and Orange City each Sunday. In DeLand there are 18 Communicants, some of whom reside

there only during winter. In Orange City there are seven. At Ormond and Port Orange, I have not felt encouraged, but by the Divine blessing and by faithful work, it is hoped to recover the two years that were lost by the relinquishment of Missionary work there. Everything is to be hoped for at Daytona. There is no advance in one way, but we do think that foundations are being substantially laid. A Chapel is expected to be built and ready for use by the end of the year. God grant it! A good lot has been secured, the gift of a Churchman, and three hundred and fifty dollars are in hand for the building of the Chapel, besides which, our handful of earnest people have pledged to contribute two hundred dollars by the last of September. This feeble Mission deserves the commendation of the Bishop, which I doubt not it will receive for the praiseworthy efforts being made to realize the desire of all hearts.

At DeLand, a provisional offer has been made of an acre of land with eighty orange trees on it set out two years ago. The condition is that in two years a Church edifice shall be erected on it. The lot is variously estimated at a value of from three hundred to five hundred dollars. Two hundred and fifty dollars have been subscribed. This is a most promising station, and if a Missionary were settled in charge of it and Orange City, it would not be long before they would become centres of strong Church influence.

H. W. STUART MARTIN, Missionary.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, SAN MATEO.

No. of families, 10. Persons not so included, 5. Total of persons, 28. Communicants—Present number, 6. Burials, 1. No. of services, 45. Holy Communion—Times, 6.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 1,200 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 1,200 00
Insurance	800 00

APPENDIX B—PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parishioners	\$	170 00
Parishioners' contributions		10 00
Parishioners' offerings		2 50
Total contributions	\$	182 50

Rev. J. Williams, M. A.

Parishioners' contributions have been encouraging.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Missionary.

ST. MICHAEL'S MISSION, LONGWOOD.

Parishioners' Contributions: Communicants—Present number, 16.
Parishioners' Contributions: Holy Communion—Times, 4.

F. H. RAND, Lay Reader.

ST. MICHAEL'S MISSION, ORANGE PARK.

Parishioners' Contributions: Persons not so included, 5. Total of persons not so included, 5. Communicants—Present number, 20. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday School—Closed on account of removals. Holy Communion—Times, 10.

STATE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

St. Michael's Church, Orange Park	\$	1,200 00
St. Michael's Church, Longwood	\$	1,200 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parishioners	\$	20 00
Parishioners' contributions		10 00
Parishioners' offerings		54 61
Parishioners' offerings and altar		40 00
Total contributions	\$	124 61

Rev. J. Williams, M. A.

OLIVER TAYLOR, Missionary.

ST. MICHAEL'S MISSION, MARGARETTA.

Parishioners' Contributions: Persons not so included, 1. Total of persons not so included, 1. Communicants—Present number, 2. Confirmed, 2. Holy Communion—Times, 1; lost by removal, 1; lost by

death, 1; present number, 5. Burials, 1. Sunday School Teachers, 2; scholars, 19. No. of Services, 39. Holy Communion—Times, 16.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 450 00
Other Property.....	120 00
Total of values.....	\$ 570 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 184 57
Other Purposes.....	34 10
Total Contributions.....	\$ 218 67

No. of Sitzings, 75.

REMARKS.—Rev. H. R. Howard, D. D., has given me much assistance for the past ten (10) months, both at Lake City and Margareta.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

ST. MARY'S MISSION, CEDAR CREEK.

No. of families, 16. Persons not so included, 1. Total of persons, 80. Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 4; total, 7. Confirmed, 4. Communicants—Admitted, 4; lost, 5; present number, 20. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School Teachers, 3; scholars, 35. Parish School Teachers, 1; scholars, 25. No. of services, 22. Holy Communion—Times, 11.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 100 00
Other Property.....	75 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 175 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 5 50
Diocesan Missions.....	06
Domestic Missions.....	65
Foreign Missions.....	65
Communion Alms.....	12 35
Total Contributions.....	\$ 19 90

No. of Sitzings, 65.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

EMANUEL CHURCH, WELAKA.

No. of families, 8. Persons not so included, 3. Total of per-

sons, 23. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 1; total, 3. Confirmed, 10. Communicants—Admitted, 7; added by removal, 2; lost, 1; present number, 8. Sunday School Teachers, 3; scholars, 10. No. of services, 16. Holy Communion—Times, 3.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....\$ 800 00 •

No. of Sitzings, 90.

REMARKS.—The congregation has paid off all indebtedness, and is now paying for an organ. The Church was consecrated June 3.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Missionary.

MISSION OF OUR SAVIOUR, MANDARIN.

No. of families, 25. Persons not so included, 20. Total of persons, 114. Baptisms—Infants, 1; total, 1. Confirmed, 7. Communicants—Admitted, 9; added by removal, 2; present number, 22. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Sunday School Teachers, 5; scholars, 37. No. of services, 107. Holy Communion—Times, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 500 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	10 00
Domestic Missions.....	10 00
Foreign Missions.....	11 50
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	13 61
Other Purposes (Church Building Fund).....	90 25
Total Contributions.....	\$ 725 36

REMARKS.—Besides the amount mentioned above, which is cash already in hand, we have \$420, pledged for a Church building. All pledges are due Dec. 1, 1882.

C. M. STURGES, Missionary.

ST. PAUL'S MISSION, FEDERAL POINT.

No. of families, 7. Total of persons, 25. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 2; total, 3. Communicants—present number, 14.

REMARKS.—Service every Lord's day by Lay Reader. The

Mission has been visited three times by the Missionary. Congregations large. A Church will be erected within a few months.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Missionary.

EUSTIS MISSION CHURCH, LAKE EUSTIS.

No. of families, 27. Persons not so included, 9. Total of persons, 82. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Present number, 20.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Grounds.....	\$ 100 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 100 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 22 72
Diocesan Missions.....	108 85
Other Purposes (Church Building).....	917 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 1,048 57

REMARKS.—The Church in this vicinity was organized as a Mission on Easter Monday. Previous to that Rev. Lyman Phelps held monthly services. Since its organization services have been weekly. The Sunday School will be organized within a few weeks. The amount reported above under “other purposes,” is the amount subscribed since Easter towards the erection of a Church.

A. W. KNIGHT, JR., Missionary in Charge.

PERSONAL REPORTS.

SANFORD, FLA., April 29, 1882.

My Dear Bishop :

I have given you the reports of the occasional services in different parts of the county pretty fully from time to time, but will repeat summary of official acts: Marriages, 2; burials, 4; baptisms, 4. Have administered the Holy Communion at Lake Eustis, 3 times; Sanford, 4 times; Longwood, 4 times.

The Church at Longwood is completed, and I think less than \$100 in debt. The building is a very creditable one for the little handful of church people who have worked with zeal under the wise counsel of their Lay Reader, Mr. Rand.

I have visited all the scattered members of the church where I in the past have held services. There has been decided advance made during the last year. A better attendance and a decided advance in the interest of the Church.

At Sanford we still are lacking funds to complete the little Church which is spoken of by all as one of the most perfect of buildings in its lines. It is often in the winter too small for the people who come there to worship.

During Lent I was only one Sunday at Sanford, the rest of the Sundays I was in different parts of the county. The Missionary at Lake Eustis will probably report the state of things from that quarter.

LYMAN PHELPS, Missionary.

The Rt. Rev. John F. Young, D. D.:

The following comprises, briefly, the statistical facts: Baptisms, 10. Burials, 8. No. of public services in Orlando, 20; in Maitland, 40. Total public service 60, from time of last Council. No. of families, 75. No. of Communicants, about 42. In-

crease in families since last report (allowing for removals), about 4. Increase of Communicants (making same allowance) about 11.

The contributions for support of Church services since last report, to April 23d, have been :

From Maitland.....	\$	547	41
" Orlando.....		124	85
" Arrears on subscription (good).....		75	00
Total.....	\$	747	26

This is an increase upon last year's subscription. The Mission has also contributed \$8.41 to Domestic Missions.

The Missionary takes pleasure in remarking that nothing has had to be given to his Mission from the Auxiliary Board of the Diocese. The only expense he has been to the Church, outside his Mission, has been \$100 a year from the General Domestic Committee.

My Sunday work consists of one service every Sunday in the year, in Maitland (except through a stipulated summer vacation of about ten weeks) and, until very recently, three services a month, on Sundays, in Orlando. So that my usual work—three Sundays out of four—compels about eighteen miles driving, per Sunday, with two services and two sermons. My week-day work—what between "calls" and driving, consequent upon business connected with the temporalities of my Mission in connection with Church building, naturally absorbs most of my time. By a rough estimate, I calculate that I drive, Sundays, alone, over 450 miles a year; and, week-days, on Church work more than 50 miles, making, in all, my mileage something over ONE THOUSAND MILES A YEAR.

This is very *thankfully* recorded, because, on the whole, the past year has been, notwithstanding its many discouragements from without, a year of great progress in this mission. What the discouragements have been is well known to my Bishop. In my report of last year I reported the new Church at Maitland, the gift of Bishop Whipple, contracted for and then to be begun, as "I was informed," and reported "in a few days." I am sorry to add, now, that (through no fault of your Missionary nor of the Committee,) Bishop Whipple's sweet and kindly memorial

Church is *not* yet begun, notwithstanding the fact that the funds have been ready for the work for more than a year past. The delay in the building of this Church has been a serious loss to the strength of our Communion in Orange County. There is some reason, now, however, to believe that the Maitland Church will soon be built.

In Orlando, the County seat, there has been an especial impetus, due in considerable part to the Bishop of the Diocese having very kindly made that point a considerable donation. A year ago that point was a small one indeed. But it had poor but very earnest people, however few. The Bishop offered to build them their Church on a favorable lot if they would raise \$600. They have not only raised and paid in \$600, but have raised nearly \$400 besides with which to furnish and adorn the Church when completed. In short, our poor little Mission there has raised nearly, if not quite, \$1,000.

I am, dear Bishop, very truly yours,

CHAS. W. WARD,

Missionary in charge of Maitland and Orlando.

COMO AND POMONA.

The station central to Como, Pomona and Crystal Lake, has been regularly visited monthly. Persons in the vicinity not of the Church are contributing to a Building Fund, which has become so large that the erection of a Church is assured. Congregations fair.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Missionary.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, HIBERNIA.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir :

This is not yet organized either as a Parish or Mission. The Church will be a memorial to the late Mrs. Margaret Fleming, who, during her life-time, took a deep and generous interest in

the permanent establishment of Church services here. At her death the Church edifice was unfinished, but her children and others have endeavored to secure its completion. It is a very neat and pretty Chapel, occupying a charming site on the St. John's River, and will seat about seventy-five persons. About \$1,200 have already been expended upon the building, and it will require about five hundred dollars more to completely finish and furnish it.

I took charge here, under your approval, in January last, holding services at first in the parlors of Mr. F. A. Fleming's house. Work was immediately begun upon the unfinished Church, the windows and seats were put in, etc., and since February 12th, services have been regularly held in the Church every Sunday morning and afternoon, and on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. A new organ was presented to the Church. The attendance upon the services, by the winter guests at Hibernia and by some of the permanent residents upon Fleming's Island, has been very good. The offerings from January to April 30, 1882, amounted to \$240.85, and were devoted to the fund for the support and completion of the Church. About an acre of ground, comprising the lot on which the Church stands and the adjacent Burial ground, has recently been deeded by the Fleming family to the Diocese of Florida, in trust for Church uses.

WASHINGTON B. ERBEN.

RT. REV. JOHN F. YOUNG, S. T. D., Bishop of Florida.

As it is necessary for me to make a report from the time of my ordination until I took charge of the Lake Eustis Mission, I will report as follows: Was ordained on the first Sunday in Advent, in St. John's Church, Jacksonville. After my ordination, was connected with the Parish of St. John's, officiating in its Church and Mission Chapels until January, when the Bishop removed me and placed me in charge of St. Mary's Church, Green Cove Springs. I continued there until Easter, giving two services on Sunday, and two weekly services during the season of Lent. I also organized a Sunday School, which, since my departure, has

8. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the Journal.

9. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Council, and shall not be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Council; *provided always*, that any member of the Council voting in the majority may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move a re-consideration of said vote.

10. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Council, unless seconded, and if required, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

11. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

13. Every member who shall be present when the question is put, shall vote, unless excused by the Council.

14. When the Council is about to rise, or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the Chair.

15. The foregoing rules shall be read by the Secretary at the opening of every Council, immediately after the prayer.

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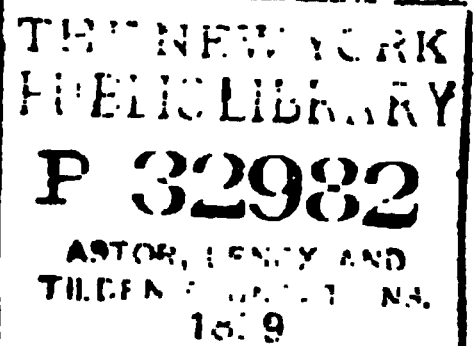
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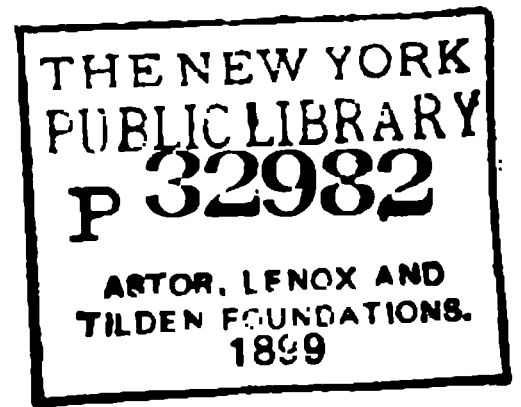
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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 2, 1883.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Fortieth Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. John's Church, at 11 o'clock A. M. The Morning Prayer and Litany were said by the Rev. C. M. STURGES, of the Church of Our Savior, Mandarin, the Rev. CHARLES S. SNOWDEN, of St. James Church, Lake City, and the Rev. C. E. McDUGAL, of St. Mary's Church, Milton. The Bishop then proceeded to the celebration of the Holy Communion, assisted in the distribution by the Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola, the Rev. O. P. THACKARA, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Fernandina, and the Rev. R. H. WELLER, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The services being ended, the Bishop called the Council to order, and furnished the Secretary with the following list of the Clergy entitled to seats:

LIST OF CLERGY

ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE COUNCIL:

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., LL. D.

The Rev. OWEN P. THACKARA,

The Rev. REGINALD H. WELLER, D. D.,

The Rev. ELEAZER ROOTE,

The Rev. LYMAN PHELPS,

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The Rev. ALBION W. KNIGHT,
The Rev. CORNELIUS A. APPLE,
The Rev. R. B. WOLESLEY,
The Rev. WILLIAM WILLSON,
The Rev. J. R. BALLARD.

Of these, the following were present:

The Rev. J. Jackson Scott, D. D., LL. D., Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola.

The Rev. Owen P. Thackara, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.

The Rev. Reginald H. Weller, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. William H. Carter, D. D., LL. D., Ph. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

The Rev. Charles S. Williams, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Palatka.

The Rev. Jesse R. Bicknell, Missionary at Lake Eustis.

The Rev. Thomas Bonsall, Rector of Christ Church, Monticello.

The Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary on the Florida Central and Western Railroad.

The Rev. C. M. Sturges, Missionary at Mandarin.

The Rev. C. E. McDougal, Missionary at Milton.

The Rev. C. A. Apple, Missionary at Apalachicola.

The Rev. Albion W. Knight, Missionary in Putnam County.

The Bishop appointed the Rev's Messrs. Thackara and Scott a Committee on the Credentials of Lay Deputies, who reported the following as entitled to seats, viz:

St. John's Church, Jacksonville—J. J. Daniel, C. B. Benedict, W. A. Spence, M. D., A. Doggett.

St. John's Church, Tallahassee—Robert Walker, P. Houston, R. A. Whitfield, D. S. Walker.

Christ's Church, Pensacola—A. E. Maxwell, W. K. Hyer, C. C. Yonge, Sr., E. A. Perry, Ormond Howe.

St. Peter's Church, Fernandina—H. E. Dotterer, S. A. Swann, G. R. Fairbanks, C. V. Hillyer.

St. Paul's Church, Key West—W. D. Cash, L. W. Bethel, R. J. Perry, M. D., A. H. B. Johnson.

Lake Eustis Mission—A. D. Key.

Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City—Henry Hutchinson.

St. Paul's Mission, Federal Point—E. Smith.

St. Matthew's Mission, San Mateo—W. R. DeWitt, M. D.

Christ's Church, Cedar Key—C. B. Rogers, A. Kilemine, H. R. Shine, J. J. Croswell.

St. Mark's Church, Palatka—G. E. Hawes, M. D., D. H. Hiliard, F. D. Lente, Dr. Rosenberg.

St. John's Church, Key West—Carlos Ricio, Isadore Perez.

Holy Cross, Margarita—G. E. Abbott.

St. Barnabas, Volusia County—H. O. Mowers, M. D.

Of these, there were present :

From St. John's Church, Jacksonville—C. B. Benedict, J. J. Daniel.

From St. John's Church, Tallahassee—Robert Walker, R. A. Whitfield, D. S. Walker, P. Houston.

From Christ's Church, Pensacola—C. C. Yonge, Sr.

From St. Peter's Church, Fernandina—G. R. Fairbanks.

From St. Thomas' Church, Lake Eustis—Arthur D. Key.

From Holy Comforter Church, Crescent City—Henry Hutchinson.

From St. Mark's Church, Palatka—G. E. Hawes, M. D.

From the Holy Cross, Margarita—G. E. Abbott.

Thereupon the Bishop declared a quorum present, and the Council prepared for business.

The first business being the election of a Secretary, the Rev's Messrs. Sturges and Knight were appointed tellers. The tellers, after counting the ballots, declared the Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., unanimously re-elected.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. W. H. Milnes, of the Diocese of Florida, and the Rev. A. B. Nicholas, of the Diocese of Ohio, be invited to seats in this Council.

The Council then took a recess until to-morrow, Thursday, at 9½ o'clock A. M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, May 2, 1883.

The Council assembled for Divine Service at 8½ o'clock P. M. The clergy entered the Church in procession, as at the morning service. After Evening Prayer, the Council Sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles M. Sturges, of the Church of Our Savior, Mandarin, from St. John's Gospel, chapter ii, verse 21: "*But He spoke of the temple of His body.*"

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, May 3, 1883.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, at 9:30 o'clock A. M. This being Ascension Day, the full service for that Festival was said and the Holy Communion celebrated. Services being ended, the Council was called to order by the Bishop. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. The Rev. C. W. Ward appeared and took his seat; also, W. A. Spence, M. D., a Lay Deputy from St. John's Church, Jacksonville, and D. A. Finlayson, of Christ Church, Monticello.

The Bishop read his Annual Address. (Appendix A.)

When it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the University of the South be referred to a Special Committee, and so much as relates to the Church's losses by death be referred to a Special Committee, and the remainder of the address be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The following action was also had :

WHEREAS, St. John's Church, Jacksonville, to whose erection both Rector and people had devoted themselves long and faithfully, was offered, one year ago, for consecration ; in which service the Council participated, thereby giving to it Diocesan importance ; be it

Resolved, That a copy of the Bishop's sermon on that occasion, being a concise history of that work, from its inception to its completion, be printed as an appendix to the Journal, in order to have an enduring record of that important work. (Appendix D.)

The Rev. Mr. Thackara presented and read the following

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

1882—May 5—The Committee elected by the Council met and organized by electing the Rev. O. P. Thackara as President, and the Rev. R. H. Weller as Secretary. Resolved into the Missionary Board, and appropriated seventy-five (\$75) dollars to the Rev. A. W. Knight, Jr., for services at Lake Eustis, and twenty-five (\$25) dollars to Rev. Lyman Phelps for duty in the same mission.

May 20—Committee met, and recommended Jacob R. Ballard, col'd, to the Bishop to be ordained Deacon.

December 19—The Committee met as a Board of Missions, and passed the appropriations for the current quarter. The report of the Committee on publishing the FLORIDA CHURCHMAN was received, and the paper endorsed as fully meeting the expectations of the committee.

1883—March 29—The Committee met as a Board of Missions, the Bishop being present. The Secretary presented a copy of blanks for missionary reports, ordered at last meeting. He also presented and read the reports for the last quarter from the several missionaries. Some of these reports were considered as unsatisfactory, because of the carelessness in making up the statistics of their work.

Ordered the payment of the Missionaries for the quarter ending April the 1st.

O. P. THACKARA, Pres't.

Resolved, that all Parochial and Missionary Reports be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Bishop announced the following Standing Committees of the Council :

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH—Rev's Messrs. Thackara, Ward, Bicknell, and Messrs. Hawes, Whitfield and Finlayson.

ON CANONS—Rev's Messrs. Scott, Carter and Weller, and Messrs. Daniel, Fairbanks and D. S. Walker.

ON FINANCE—Messrs. Yonge, Houston and Finlayson.

ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES—Rev's Messrs. Williams, Sturges and Bonsall, and Messrs. Spence, Key and Hutchinson.

ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Rev's Messrs. Carter, Weller, Snowden and Apple.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Rev's Messrs. McDougal and Knight.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH—Messrs. Fairbanks, Robert Walker, Benedict, Yonge and Hawes.

ON DECEASED CLERGY—Rev's Messrs. Weller, Thackara and Scott.

Mr. G. R. Fairbanks made an interesting verbal report in behalf of the Trustees of the University of the South.

The Treasurer of the Diocese made the following report:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A Statement of the Finances of the Diocese of Florida for the year ending May 2, 1883:

Received on account of the Diocesan Fund balance from H. E. Dotterer.....	\$ 829 16	
Received from Assessments.....	1,316 55	—2,145 71
Received on account of Missions balance from H. E. Dotterer.....	863 85	
Received from other sources.....	1,461 04	—2,324 80
Received from H. E. Dotterer on account of St. Marks, Daytona, special building fund	166 00	
Received on account of the University of the South, from St. Peter's, Fernandina.....	50 00	— 216 00
Total.....		\$4,686 60
Paid out as follows:		
On account of the Diocesan Fund.....	\$1,342 53	
On account of Missions.....	1,835 00	
On account of St. Mark's, Daytona, special building fund...	166 00	
On account of the University of the South for theological department.....	50 00	
Total.....	\$3,393 53	
Balance in favor of Diocesan Fund.....		803 18
Balance in favor of Missions.....		489 89
Total Balance in favor of the Diocese.....		\$1,293 07

In addition, there was paid over to me by Mr. Dotterer, the former Treasurer, as follows :

Five Madison County Bonds, amounting to.....	\$ 350 00
Twenty-one Coupons attached " "	108 00
Twelve Coupons detached " "	80 00
W. K. Beard's note for.....	1,444 31
D. B. McGinnis' note for.....	512 00
Bishop Young's bond for.....	2,634 00
Total.....	\$5,128 31

In connection with this report, Mr. President, allow me to say that the amount assessed at the Annual Council for Diocesan expenses was \$1,670, divided among thirty parishes and missionary stations. Of these thirty parishes and missionary stations, eleven have paid their assessment in full; four in part, while fifteen (one-half) have paid nothing. I think all will agree with me when I say this ought not to be. Surely the amount appropriated for diocesan expenses, and assessed among the parishes and missionary stations, is not large and should be paid, every cent. The salary of our Bishop is an obligation that should be honorably met, and every cent paid him each year.

In connection with the report of the amount raised for missionary purposes, allow me to say that compared with the amount raised last year there has been a slight falling off, which is to be regretted, as the amount raised is very small commensurate with the work to be accomplished. Never, in the history of the Diocese of Florida, was there so golden an opportunity for the Church to extend her borders, build up her walls on a solid foundation, and plant the standard of the cross in all the remote corners of the Diocese. With the mighty tide of emigration that is pouring into our State from all parts of our land, among them churchmen, those with and without religious prejudices; members of all sects and denominations, new fields for missionary labor are opening in all parts of the State. Without this missionary fund is largely increased, it is out of the power of our Bishop to call laborers, ministers from other dioceses, and give them work in our own. Already the fields are ripening for the harvest and the laborers are few. Unless the Church in the Diocese of Florida arouses herself to the full sense of her responsibility and sends out laborers to seize the land, the different sects will step in and gather the harvest which it is the duty, the opportunity, and the privilege of the Church to secure. I feel, Mr. President, that none of us, clergy or laity, are fully aroused to the magnitude of the work to be accomplished, and to the full sense of our responsibility and duty as churchmen. Determination now, and liberal contributions to the cause of missions, we have it in our own power to make the Diocese of Florida one of the strongest and mightiest in the land. But for the untiring zeal and ceaseless labors of that noble band of Christian women composing the Woman's Auxiliary Society, the missionary work in the

diocese would be paralyzed. What more fitting monuments to their noble efforts in the cause of missions and their Christian faith and fortitude, than are the churches which are being erected all over the diocese. God grant it may be in the heart of every clergyman of this diocese to educate their people to the duty—not the duty, but the privilege of giving to so glorious a cause.

May it be the privilege of the next Treasurer, whoever he may be, to report to the next Annual Council, the assessments made at this time all paid in, and a much larger contribution to the cause of missions.

C. B. BENEDICT,
Treasurer Diocese of Florida.

The seventh annual report of the Secretary of the WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY was presented and read by the Secretary, as follows:

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE
OF FLORIDA.

Our Treasurer's Report spreads before you the result of all the work done by the Society during the past year, with the exception of nine Christmas boxes, which were duly sent by the Branch in St. John's Parish, Jacksonville, to those missions that expressed a desire for help of that kind, and whose contents were valued at \$150 00; also two valuable boxes of books, tracts, etc., which were given through that Branch by a kind friend in New Jersey.

The Society has plodded on through the past year in the same way as in the previous ones; not losing ground, but the gain being scarcely perceptible. One cause for great thankfulness and joy has been given us in the establishment of the Diocesan Missionary newspaper—THE FLORIDA CHURCHMAN. This, for which we have worked, prayed and waited so many years is at last given to us, better and stronger than we had ever planned. That its prosperity and usefulness may increase year by year is our prayer continually.

The total amount of contributions for the fiscal year is \$1,244 31.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. SWART, Directress,
MRS. M. R. BURTON, Treasurer,
MISS H. R. PARKHILL, Secretary.

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MARY R. BURTON, DIOCESAN TREASURER WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS IN FLORIDA, IN ACCOUNT WITH C. B. BENEDICT, TREASURER DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.

1882—1883—AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

From—

1882—May 8.	Grace Church, Ocala.....	\$ 3 50	
June 16.	do do do	2 10	
Aug. 11.	do do do	1 20—	6 80)
1882—May 19.	St. John's Church, Jacksonville.....	63 71	
June 12.	do do do	60 63	
July 17.	do do do	45 38	
Aug. 23.	do do do	57 91	
Sept. 21.	do do do	40 94	
Oct. 17.	do do do	37 83	
Nov. 28.	do do do	55 05	
Dec. 19.	do do do	63 23	
1883—Jan'y 12.	do do do	50 22	
Feb'y 12.	do do do	68 00	
Mar. 18.	do do do	62 06	
April 18.	do do do	60 19—	665 15)
1882—May 19.	St. Mark's Church, Palatka.....	2 00	
June 22.	do do do	7 90	
July 26.	do do do	6 30	
Sept. 12.	do do do	7 00	
Oct. 12.	do do do	5 25	
Nov. 8.	do do do	5 00	
Dec. 16.	do do do	5 00	
Dec. 28.	do do do	9 75	
1883—Jan'y 26.	do do do	9 65	
March 3.	do do do	5 50	
Mar. 31.	do do do	6 30	
April 30.	do do do	5 00—	74 65)
1882—June 1.	Christ Church, Cedar Key.....	2 20	
	do do do	2 60—	4 80)
1883—April 30.	St. Luke's Church, Marianna.....	13 25—	13 25)
1882—June 1.	St. Mary's Church, Milton.....	8 15	
Aug. 5.	do do do	9 00	
Dec'r 7.	do do do	15 00	
1883—March 7.	do do do	10 80	
April 2.	do do do	12 00	
April 28.	do do do	6 35—	61 30)
1882—June 3.	Christ Church, Monticello.....	1 80	
July 3.	do do do	2 00	
July 31.	do do do	1 95	
Sept. 5.	do do do	2 15	
Oct'r 1.	do do do	1 15	
Dec'r 2.	do do do	3 65	
1883—Jan'ry 1.	do do do	2 15	
Feb'ry 1.	do do do	1 90	
March 1.	do do do	1 65—	18 40)
1882—June 10.	St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.....	20 00	
Sept. 27.	do do do	20 00	
1883—Feb. 14.	do do do	10 00	
Feb. 15.	do do do	20 00	
Feb. 20.	do do do	10 00	
Mar. 13.	do do do	10 00	
Mar. 14.	do do do	10 00	
April 11.	do do do	10 00—	110 00)
1882—June 10.	Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City.....	5 75	
Aug. 3.	do do do	4 00	
1883—Jan'ry 6.	do do do	7 86	
Feb'ry 3.	do do do	12 14	
March 7.	do do do	6 25	
Mar. 28.	do do do	2 48	
April 28.	do do do	2 44—	40 92)
1883—April 8.	St. James' Mission, Lake City.....	3 34—	3 34)
April 11.	St. Mary's Mission, Cedar Creek.....	1 80—	1 80)

1882—June 17.	St. Paul's Church, Key West.....	21 00	
Aug. 11.	do do do	14 00	
Sept. 15.	do do do	7 00	
Oct. 10.	do do do	7 25	
Nov. 20.	do do do	7 50	
Dec. 22.	do do do	7 57	
1883—Feb. 16.	do do do	18 00	
Mar. 23.	do do do	10 00	
April 21.	do do do	10 10—	102 42
1882—Sept. 8.	St. John's Church, Tallahassee.....	10 00	
1883—Feb. 22.	do do do	7 20	
Mar. 3.	do do do	8 48	
April 26.	do do do	9 60—	35 28
1882—Aug. 5.	Trinity Church, Gainesville.....	8 80	
1883—Jan. 4.	do do do	10 00	
Jan. 30.	do do do	2 90—	21 70
1882—Dec. 4.	Christ Church, Pensacola.....	4 00	
1883—Feb. 14.	do do do	10 00—	14 00
April 27.	Trinity Church, St. Augustine.....	85 50—	85 50
Jan. 9.	St. Mark's Mission, Daytona.....	1 25	
April 25.	do do do	2 04—	3 20

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business report that the proposed amendment of Article VII, of the Constitution, as follows: "Strike out in the second line, before the word clergyman, the word *three*, and insert *four*," passed its third reading, and was laid over to next Council.

The proposed amendment of Article III, of the Constitution, adding one more clerical member to the Standing Committee, passed its third reading, and was laid over for the action of the next Council.

This comprises the unfinished business demanding the attention of the present Council.

CHAS. E. McDUGAL, Chairman.

By request, the Bishop excused the Secretary from serving on the Committee on Deaths among the Clergy, and appointed the Rev. Dr. Carter in his place. Messrs. Benedict and Fairbanks were added to the Finance Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese and also the report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary Society be referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved, That the amendment to Article III of the Constitution, add-

ing *one* clerical member to the Standing Committee, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

Resolved, That Canon XXIII be amended, so as to read as follows: "All proposed alterations of or additions to these Canons shall be referred to and reported upon by a committee before being considered by the Council, unless such reference and report be dispensed with by unanimous consent of the Council. No alteration or addition shall be adopted during same Council in which it is proposed, if two-thirds of the Council do not concur therein "

Referred to Committee on Canons.

Resolved, That Canon IX be amended by the insertion, before the last sentence, of the following: "The expenses of the Clerical Deputies to the General Convention shall be paid as a part of the contingent expenses of the Diocese, to the amount of fifty dollars each."

Referred to Committee on Canons.

Resolved, That the Council take a recess until to-morrow at 9:30 A. M.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 3, 8:30 P. M.

The Council met for Divine service in St. John's Church, at 8:30 o'clock P.M. After Evening Prayer, the Rector, Rev. Dr. Carter, in the absence of the Bishop, announced to the congregation, that according to custom, this evening was devoted to Missionary reports and addresses. The Rev. Messrs. Apple, Williams and Ward were then introduced, and made earnest addresses on general and their own special Missionary work.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, May 4, 1883.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. The Rev. S. B. Carpenter, of the Church of the Holy Cross, Sanford, and Mr. C. A. Davies, a Lay Deputy from St. Mary's Church, Milton, took their seats.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the State of the Church be made the order of the day for 4 o'clock, P. M.

An application from the Church of the Holy Cross, Sanford, to be admitted into union with the Diocese, was received and referred to the Committee on the admission of New Parishes.

The Committee on Canons reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

First. Recommend that Sec. 1, Canon XVII, be amended as follows: There shall be a Diocesan Board of Missions, consisting of four (4) clergymen and three (3) laymen, to be appointed annually by the Council.

Second. Recommend that no change be made in Article VII of the Constitution.

Third. Recommend that no change be made in Canon XXIII.

Fourth. Report that it is inexpedient at this time to make the change proposed in Canon IX.

J. J. DANIEL, for Committee.

When it was

Resolved, That the report be received, and its recommendations be acted upon separately.

When the proposed amendment to Canon XVII was accepted and laid over for final action on to-morrow.

Resolved, That the remainder of the report of the committee be adopted.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The committee, to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer, C. B. Benedict, beg leave to say that they have examined his report for the fiscal year ending on the 2nd of May, 1883, and find that he had received from his predecessor, H. E. Dotterer, the sum of.....\$ 829 16
On account of Diocesan Fund and from other sources..... 1,316 55

Total..... \$2,145 71

And that he had received from his predecessor, on account of Missions, the sum of.....\$ 863 85
And from other sources the sum of..... 1,461 04— 2,324 89

Also, that he had received from his predecessor, on account of St. Mark's, Daytona, special building fund..... 166 00
For account of the University of the South, from St. Peter's Fernandina..... 50 00— 216 00

Total..... \$4,686 60

And that his disbursements have been as follows:

On account of the Diocesan Fund.....\$ 1,342 53
On account of Missions..... 1,935 00
On account of St. Mark's, Daytona, special building fund..... 166 00
On account of the University of the South, for the Theological Department..... 50 00

Total..... \$3,398 53

And that the balance in hand on account of the Diocesan Fund is..... \$ 808 18
Balance in hand in favor of Missions is..... 489 89

Making total balance in favor of Diocese the sum of..... \$1,293 07

The Treasurer also reports as having on hand, received from the former Treasurer, in bonds, coupons and notes, the amount of..... \$5,128 31

The Treasurer furnished the committee vouchers amply covering all of his disbursements as above stated, also his Treasurer's account book for examination.

Your committee made a careful comparison of the vouchers with the Treasurer's account book, and found that the book of accounts had been accurately kept, and that each item of disbursement as charged was covered by its respective voucher.

They recommend, therefore, that the report of the Treasurer be approved and adopted.

The amount received from the Woman's Auxiliary Society for Diocesan Missions is \$1,262 52.

The committee cannot fail to commend very highly the economical management of this Society as evidenced by the fact that the whole expense of the collection and safe keeping of the fund amounted only to the sum of \$5 00, and but for their untiring zeal and ceaseless efforts the work in the Diocese would be seriously embarrassed.

It appears that the requirement of Canon VI, is that all payments by the Treasurer shall be on the order of the Bishop or the President of the Standing Committee, drawn agreeably to some order of the Council. This requirement has not been observed by the Treasurer, and he informs the committee that it has not been the practice of his predecessors to observe it. It occurs to the committee that hereafter it would be well to require conformity to this canon, or that this provision should be repealed. As the Treasurer is a bonded officer, this requirement might perhaps be dispensed with.

It was also referred to the committee to make assessments on the Parishes and Missions of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

They have adopted as the basis of assessments that of the past year, with the following alterations :

For St. Mark's Parish, Palatka, the assessment to be \$100 00 instead of \$75 00.

That St. Paul's Parish, at Key West, which heretofore has been assessed \$250 00, be assessed \$200 00, and that the arrearages due from the said parish, amounting to \$1,061 56, be remitted. This is done because it is represented to this committee that the parish considers the former assessment onerous, and that it cannot, without great inconvenience, pay up the said arrearages. It is also understood that this is done with the assent of the Bishop.

The committee have assessed Hibernia Mission \$10 00 ; St. Mark's, Daytona, \$10 00 ; Fort George Mission \$5 00.

The additions and deductions will leave the Diocesan fund precisely as it was before, amounting to \$1,670 00.

Your committee therefore present the following

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS:

Trinity Church, St. Augustine.....	\$100
St. John's, Tallahassee.....	110
St. Paul's Key West.....	200
St. John's, Jacksonville.....	350
St. James', Lake City.....	20
St. Mary's, Milton.....	40
St. Luke's, Marianna.....	20
Trinity, Apalachicola.....	20
Christ's Church, Pensacola.....	240
St. Mark's, Palatka.....	100
St. Peter's, Fernandina.....	100
Christ's Church, Monticello.....	30
Trinity, Gainesville.....	30
Mission at Maitland	20
Mission at Sanford.....	10
Mission at Longwood.....	10
Mission at Orlando.....	15
Mission at Margaretta.....	5
St. Matthew's Mission, San Mateo.....	10
Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City.....	10
Grace Mission, Orange Park.....	15
Mission at Cedar Key.....	50
Church of Our Saviour, Mandarin.....	10
St. Mary's Mission, Green Cove.....	20
Grace Church, Ocala.....	40
All Saint's Mission.....	10
Santa Fe Mission.....	20
St. Mary's Mission, Madison.....	20
Federal Point Mission.....	10
Lake Eustis Mission.....	10
St. Margaret's, Hibernia.....	10
St. Mark's, Daytona.....	10
Fort George Mission.....	5
Total.....	\$1,670

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. C. YONGE, Chairman,
C. B. BENEDICT,
P. HOUSTON,
R. H. WELLER,
C. S. WILLIAMS,
J. J. DANIEL,
D. A. FINLAYSON.

Resolved, That the arrearages of St. John's Church, Tallahassee, to the Diocesan Fund, be remitted.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes reported as follows:

The Committee on Admission of New Parishes respectfully report that

the congregation of Holy Cross, Sanford, have complied with the canonical provisions for the organization of parishes, and applied for admission into union with the Council. The Committee recommend, unanimously, that it be admitted.

C. S. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

The Report was received, and it was

Resolved. That the Church of the Holy Cross, Sanford, be admitted into union with the Diocese.

The Special Committee on the University of the South made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address in reference to the University of the South respectfully report:

That this institution is the only Church school of a high grade in the ten Southern Dioceses, and should receive the warm support and enlist the interest of the members of our Church in this Diocese. It was established by and is under the especial guardianship of the Bishops of the Southern Dioceses, and is the common property of the several Dioceses. It is, in every respect, entitled to be regarded as our own institution, of which we may well be proud for the large measure of good it has already accomplished, and the thorough manner in which it has carried forward the work of Christian education.

The Academic and Collegiate Departments of the University are self-supporting, and require only such aid as we may, and should, for our own sakes, give, by the placing of our sons within its halls. The number of students from Florida, at the University, has decreased in late years, while it is quite certain that many of the children of Church families have been sent to schools not under Church influences, outside our borders. We are sure that if parents would visit Sewanee, they would be satisfied that it possesses in every respect equal, and in many respects superior, advantages for the education of youth. The Bishop of this Diocese, or the Trustees of the University, will doubtless take pleasure in giving the fullest information in respect to it; or application may be made to the Rev. Telfair Hodgson, D.D., Vice-Chancellor, Sewanee, Tenn.

The Theological Department of the University is of especial interest to this, as well as other similarly-situated Southern Dioceses. To it, in a large degree, we must look for the future supply of clergy to meet our growing needs. About twenty young men are now pursuing these studies at St. Luke's Hall, the beautiful and noble gift of Mrs. Manigault, of South Carolina. A Faculty of learned and competent Professors, aided by our Bishops, leave nothing to be desired in the way of instruc—

tion. A large and valuable Theological Library has already been accumulated.

The only demand made upon the Church in the respective Dioceses, so far as the Theological Department is concerned, is to provide for the very moderate salaries of three of the Professors. The Rev. Dr. Hodgson, Dean of the Faculty, and Vice-Chancellor of the University, gives his entire services to the University without compensation.

It is absolutely necessary that the salaries of these Theological Professors should be punctually paid. This Diocese is assessed for a very inconsiderable portion of the amount required. For this especial purpose the sum of only \$300 has been required of us. Other Dioceses pay considerably more. Hitherto we regret to say that Florida, although deriving equal benefits with the other Dioceses, has not paid her quota, or, in fact, paid anything at all. We regard this as very discreditable to us; and to be at once corrected. For the purpose of meeting this assessment for the support of the Theological Department, we report a resolution providing for an annual collection in all our Parishes and Mission Stations.

We also desire to call the attention of the Council to the duty of enabling the Bishop to fulfill a pledge made by him to furnish \$500 of the amount required to erect a very necessary college building for the Department of Chemistry. Two-fifths of this pledge has already been provided for by the Bishop and one of our Lay Trustees. We trust that the remaining sum to be provided for will be offered by laymen of the Diocese.

G. R. FAIRBANKS,
Chairman.

The report was adopted and the following resolutions passed:

Resolved, That a special collection be made in each Parish and Mission Station on some Sunday in March in every year for the support of the Theological Department of the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tennessee; and that the Secretary of the Council be requested annually, on the 1st day of March, to notify each clergyman having charge of a Parish or Mission Station in this Diocese, of this resolution, and of the amount required to be raised; and that it be made a standing resolution of the Council.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council it is of great importance that the property of the church in each Parish and Mission should be kept at all times under insurance in responsible offices, and we express the hope that the Vestries of the respective Parishes and the officers of the Missions take immediate steps to this end.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish a copy of this resolution to the clergyman of each Parish and Mission, to be laid before the vestry of the Parish or the officers of the Mission, and that he forward to the Sec-

retary, on or before the first of October next, the action of the vestry, or officers above named in the premises, showing amount of insured and uninsured property in such Parish or Mission.

The Council went into the election of officers. The Rev. A. W. Knight and Mr. D. A. Finlayson were appointed tellers.

The result of the election was as follows:

TREASURER—C. B. Benedict.

REGISTRAR—A. S. Baldwin, M. D.

STANDING COMMITTEE—The Rev's O. P. Thackara, R. H. Weller and C. S. Williams, and Messrs. J. J. Daniel, C. B. Benedict and S. A. Swann.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Messrs. E. K. Foster, W. A. Spence, M. D., and C. B. Benedict, and the Rev. Messrs. C. M. Sturges and W. H. Carter, D. D.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION—The Rev's R. H. Weller, D. D., O. P. Thackara, J. J. Scott, D. D., LL. D., and W. H. Carter, D. D., LL. D., and Messrs. G. R. Fairbanks, J. J. Daniel, D. S. Walker and C. C. Yonge.

The election of the remaining officers was laid over until the afternoon session.

It was unanimously

Resolved, That the next Council of the Diocese be held in St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

Resolved, That the expenses of the Secretary's office be audited and paid by the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Secretary is hereby directed to print 500 copies of the Journal of this Diocese, and distribute in the usual manner.

The Bishop announced the appointment of Rev. C. W. Ward as Preacher for the next Council, and the Rev. S. B. Carpenter as substitute.

The Rev. Dr. Scott presented his resignation as a Trustee of the University of the South; when it was

Resolved, That this Council, expressing its regret that Dr. Scott, who has been so long and so efficiently connected with the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, deems it necessary that he should tender his resignation, do hereby accept the same.

On ballot, the Rev. C. S. Williams was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Scott.

Resolved, That this Council approves of the action of the Standing Committee in establishing the **FLORIDA CHURCHMAN** and heartily approves of the manner in which this valuable organ of the Church in this Diocese has been conducted, and recommends it to the support of all church people.

The Council then adjourned to 3:30 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 3:30 P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment—the Rev. Dr. Scott in the chair—when the election of Diocesan officers was resumed, with the following result :

CHANCELLOR—Hon. L. I. Fleming.

TRUSTEE OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—The Rev. W. H. Carter, D.D.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church, to whom was referred the Parochial and Missionary reports, the report of the Woman's Auxiliary, together with all portions of the Bishop's address not otherwise referred, respectfully beg leave to report as follows :

We are happy to say that we have received a comparatively full report, thirteen parishes and sixteen missions having reported, which is within two of the whole number of parishes and missions in the diocese. We regret to state, however, that we find great discrepancies existing between the statistics of this year and the table reported one year ago, there being a considerable falling off this year in almost every item. We find, for example, that according to the reports just examined, there has been a loss in families of 174; in individuals of 640; in communicants of 627, and in Sunday school scholars of 22; while on the other hand there appears to be a gain in church property, church edifices and grounds of only \$1,563 00. From this it is evident to your committee that there must have been either a considerable over-estimate made last year or an under-estimate made this year. The increase in our church property, population and activity, ascertained from other sources, making it simply incredible that such a retrogression as our tabulated statement shows actually has occurred.

And in this connection we would call the attention of the Council to the great carelessness with which the blanks of parochial and missionary reports seem to be filled out, making it very difficult, if not impossible, to gain from them any accurate information. We have found that the totals of the reports are, in many instances, not to be depended upon, owing to the frequency of clerical errors.*

We regret to find that only two parishes have paid any attention to the recommendation of the Council of 1881, with reference to the fund for the relief of infirm clergy. We know of no better society for the increase of the ministry than a society for the *care* of the ministry, and we would most earnestly recommend that the recommendation aforementioned be more seriously considered by us.

In reviewing those portions of the Bishop's address referred to your committee, we would most strongly reinforce our Bishop's wise and timely counsel with reference to the work of the Woman's Auxiliary Society. The committee can but acknowledge the unflagging attention of the ladies to their duties during the past year, and we feel persuaded that if all our parishes would but follow the examples of a few which have shown the plan proposed by the Bishop to be practicable, there would be no difficulty in doubling the receipts of any of the past years.

Your committee feel that it must be a matter of profound satisfaction that there is so wide a movement throughout the church in the direction of an increased interest in the spiritual welfare of the colored people, as shown not only in the importance the subject found at the last Church Congress and in several recent Diocesan Conventions, but in the fact of the proposed consultation of all the Southern Bishops upon this question prior to the meeting of the next General Convention. As a practical suggestion to our own clergy, we would advise that when nothing more can be done, an effort be made by our clergy to gather the colored preachers of their neighborhood for instruction. This has been tried in a few instances, and found to be successful. It enables us to reach masses otherwise often inaccessible by influencing those who are their chosen teachers.

We would, finally, respectfully call your attention to the fact that our people's interest depends very largely upon their knowledge of what is being done in other parts of the Diocese than their own, and this information can be only gained by the clergy—especially the missionaries—faithfully communicating accounts of their respective works to the church paper of the Diocese. We unite our words with those of the Bishop in

* NOTE.—The Council appointed a special committee to correct the errors and discrepancies named in this paragraph. For corrected tabulated statement see ABSTRACT attached to this report.—*Secretary.*

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asking for THE FLORIDA CHURCHMAN the cordial support of our clergy and laity.

Respectfully submitted,

O. P. THACKARA, Chairman.

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, A. D., 1883.

No. of Families.....	1,076
Persons not so included.....	836
Total of Persons.....	5,362
Lay Readers.....	21
Baptisms—Adults.....	29
“ —Infants	295
“ —Total	324
Confirmed.....	108
Communicants—Admitted.....	182
“ —Added by Removal.....	133
“ —Lost	106
“ —Lost by Death.....	20
“ —Present Number.....	1,642
Marriages.....	109
Burials.....	268
Sunday School Teachers.....	222
Sunday School Scholars.....	1,608
Parish School Teachers.....	14
Parish School Scholars.....	188
No. of Services.....	3,537
Holy Communion—Times	430

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifices and Grounds.....	\$128,461 28
Rectories and Grounds.....	26,120 00
School Property.....	6,800 00
Other Property.....	12,245 00
Total of Values.....	\$176,508 00
Insurance.....	\$ 46,750 00
Indebtedness.....	\$ 1,100 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$15,236 73
Diocesan Assessment.....	1,339 00
Diocesan Missions.....	1,392 26
Domestic Missions.....	291 64
Foreign Missions.....	17 44
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	25 17
Expenses of General Convention.....	9 00
University of the South.....	55 00
Communion Alms.....	587 74
Other Purposes.....	11,067 99
Total Contributions.....	\$36,212 03
No. of Sitzings.....	5,235

After the reading of the Report, the Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider the matter contained in the report.

The Committee rose and offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to compare and correct the statistics of the Diocese contained in the report of the committee, and also to prepare the tabular statement for the General Convention.

The Bishop appointed on the above committee the Secretary, Rev. C. W. Ward and Rev. J. R. Bicknell.

Messrs. Spence, Fairbanks, Benedict, Hawes and Hutchinson were excused from further attendance on the Council.

The Council then adjourned to 9:30 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, May 5, 9:30 A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the amendment of Canon XVII, proposed on yesterday, constituting a Board of Missions separate from the Standing Committee, be adopted.

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Committee on the State of the Church as relates to recommending the clergy to influence the instruction of the colored people in their several jurisdictions, by means of their colored teachers and preachers, be considered a matter for special report at the next Council. And further be it

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested, at a suitable time before the next Council, to notify the clergy to make special reports to him as to the results of their efforts in this direction, that the same be made the subject of a special report by the Bishop to the next Council.

It was then

Resolved, That the Council proceed to the election of a Diocesan Board of Missions.

The following resolutions were passed by a rising vote :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be tendered the Rector, vestry and parishioners of St. John's Church, Tallahassee, for the large measure of kindness, courtesy and hospitality extended to its members.

Resolved, That the Council accept with great pleasure the invitation extended to its members by the authorities of St. John's Church, Tallahassee, for an excursion to Lake Jackson.

The tellers reported, as the result of the ballot for a Board of Missions, the following elected :

The Rev's J. J. Scott, D. D., LL. D., R. H. Weller, D. D., W. H. Carter, D. D., LL. D., C. W. Ward, and Messrs. E. K. Foster, J. J. Daniel and C. B. Benedict.

The committee on Christian Education submitted the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

With gratification your committee notice an increasing effort on the part of the Church in Florida to discharge the responsibility resting upon every branch of the Catholic Church, viz: the careful, constant and thorough training of the young in the faith once delivered to the saints.

At Jacksonville, Fla., the strongest working center of the Diocese, the Bradford Institute, has been in successful operation for the past year or two. It now numbers five teachers, sixty scholars, and has property to the value of \$5,000.

For many years has Christ Church, Pensacola, sustained a school for her children, which now numbers four teachers, sixty-five scholars, and has property to the value of \$2,500.

St. Mark's, Palatka, has lately moved in the right direction, and has now a school of twenty-five scholars, taught by one teacher, and has property to the value of \$1,000.

St. James, Lake City, has now a school of two teachers, twenty scholars, with school building on church property valued at \$500. In connection with the parish school is a boarding Hall for girls, now equipped for the accommodation of twenty-five scholars. The Hall has now six boarders, with a fair prospect of increase to ten or twelve at beginning of the next scholastic year.

Your committee have here reported four schools, employing twelve teachers, providing sound, Christian education for one hundred and seventy scholars, and having property to the value of \$9,000.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CARTER, Chairman,
C. A. APPLE,
C. S. SNOWDEN.

The Council received and adopted the following :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECEASED CLERGY.

Your committee respectfully report that while the Church at large has

cause to lament the death of those so feelingly alluded to in the address of the Bishop, who were prominent in her labors and in her counsels, yet in our own Diocese, we are thankful to Almighty God that our ranks have been unbroken by death during the past year.

W. H. CARTER, Chairman.

It was then

Resolved, That, after the usual devotions, the Fortieth Council of the Diocese of Florida do adjourn *sine die*.

JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG, S. T. D.,

President of the Council.

R. H. WELLER, Secretary.

CHANGES IN CANONS.

Canon IV., Section 1, strike out "baptized person," and insert "communicant."

Canon XI, Section 5, after the word "Church," in third line, insert "and."

Canon XIX., after Section 5, add "The officers of an organized Mission may appoint one Layman, a male communicant of the Church, in good standing in the Mission, to represent the Mission in the Diocesan Council, who shall have all the rights and privileges of Lay Deputies.

Article XI., of the Articles of Association, is amended so as to read: "In the case of the dissolution or extinction of this association, from any cause whatever, the lands, tenements and other estates, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida.

New Canon XII., "Of the Chancellor," added.

Canon XVII, Section 1, Erecting Board of Missions.

NOTICE—Under the Act of Incorporation all Church property *must* be deeded to "THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF FLORIDA." Blanks will be furnished on application to the Secretary.

APPENDICES.



(APPENDIX A.)

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

Subsequently to my official acts narrated in my last annual address, and before the final adjournment of the last Diocesan Council, I consecrated St. John's Church, Jacksonville. Upon the formal invitation of the vestry of that parish the Council, as a body, attended upon those interesting services. Of the clergy of the Diocese who were present and assisting, were the Rev. Dr. Scott, the Rev's Messrs. Weller, Thackara, Williams, Meany, Bicknell, Knight and R. H. Weller, Jr.

The deed of donation and request to consecrate was read by Louis I. Fleming, Esq., on behalf of the vestry, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Dr. Scott, acting as the Bishop's chaplain. The sermon was preached by myself, followed by the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

At night, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Scott, I confirmed *twenty-three*.

On the fifth Sunday after Easter, I visited Grace Church, Ocala, and at night, after a sermon by the minister in charge, I confirmed *four*.

On the Sunday after Ascension Day I ordained to the Deaconate J. R. Ballard (colored). Immediately after his ordination he undertook the organization of a colored congregation in Jacksonville, but his efforts met with so little promise of a satisfactory success that, after a few months, he accepted an invitation to take charge of the colored Normal School in Tallahassee, and, in con-

nection with this, undertook the organization of a mission there with encouraging success.

On the first Sunday after Trinity I formally inaugurated the colored mission in Jacksonville, just now mentioned.

I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, after a choral rendering of the Litany and Communion Office. The congregation was very small, foreshadowing too truly the non-success of the undertaking.

The work among the colored people of Jacksonville has by no means been abandoned, however, in consequence of the failures of the undertaking just named. Last summer a gentleman of education and culture, a Virginian by birth, Mr. Brook G. White, offered himself for this kind of work in my Diocese, and, on learning upon due inquiry that he had had experience and good success in such labor, I set him to work in December in Jacksonville, and the promise is now good of happy results. I have built a church, which is one of the finest in the Diocese, for these people with the funds, some thirteen hundred dollars, handed over to me by the late Dr. Twing for this purpose, the same being the amount that he had received towards the Selwyn Memorial, proposed to be established in that town some years ago. The church is finished, including plastering and painting, except the windows; is furnished with fine permanent pews, and lacks only the chancel furniture, organ and bell to be complete. The present promise is that the work will prove a success.

On the second Sunday after Trinity I visited the mission at Eustis; preached, celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and confirmed *five*. I found here much interest in and devotion to the work of the Church, and the prospect for the future highly encouraging.

On the Third Sunday after Trinity I visited the Mission at DeLand, where I was met by the Rev. Mr. Stuart-Martin, who had been for some time in charge of this Mission, of which Orange City constituted a part, journeying once a month from the Halifax River to perform this service. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, the congregation being large, and in appearance intelligent and interesting.

On Monday evening, upon my invitation, there was a large

and spirited gathering of the friends of the Church to meet me and take counsel as to the erection of a church edifice and success of the mission, and the hopes inspired by this conference have been well fulfilled by all I have heard of what has been done since that time.

On the fourth Sunday after Trinity, I visited the Church of the Holy Cross, at Sanford, preached and celebrated the Holy Communion.

On the fifth Sunday after Trinity I visited the Mission at Orlando, preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and confirmed *four*.

On the seventh Sunday after Trinity I assisted in the services in St. John's, Jacksonville.

On Wednesday, the 26th of July, I left for Sewanee, to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South.

I spent two months at the University, for recuperation in that bracing mountain air, during which time I rendered such service to the Theological Department of the University as I was able to do, by teaching and lecturing in the Departments of Liturgics and Ecclesiastical Music.

From Sewanee I went to New York, to attend the meetings of several important committees upon which I had been appointed to serve by the House of Bishops at the last meeting of the General Convention. These were the Board of Managers of the Board of Missions, the Committee on the Validity of Moravian Orders, the Committee on Foreign Ecclesiastical Relations, and the Committee on Liturgical Enrichment. The last named, which was by far the most important, practically, of all, had a protracted and laborious meeting, extending nearly through a week.

The harmony which characterized these meetings was an agreeable surprise to all, composed as the committee is of every school of churchmanship. The results reached cannot, of course, be stated in anticipation of the report of the committee, but I can say without impropriety that those who were apprehensive of radical changes in the Prayer-Book being proposed, as the re-

sult of the appointment of this committee, will find, when their report is made, that their apprehensions were entirely without foundation.

On the 11th day of December I confirmed *one* person, in private, in Tallahassee.

On Christmas day I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

On the Sunday after Christmas I visited Hibernia, preached and confirmed *one* person.

The Rev. Mr. Erben, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has been serving that congregation during the past winter with the same satisfaction to all that he did the winter before.

On the first Sunday after Epiphany I visited St. Mark's Church, Palatka, preached, celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and confirmed *seven*.

The improvement in the condition of this parish in several important respects since its present incumbent assumed the Rectorship, is noteworthy and promising of a growth and development in the future exceeding altogether anything it has known in the past. The erection of a fine building on the church grounds for a Parochial School, at a cost of about one thousand dollars, which is entirely paid for, and the establishment of a fine school is but one of several things that could be mentioned as showing the increased life and vigor of the parish. This was a matter of great importance, not only to the parish, but to the whole community outside the Romish Church, which has hitherto had no competition in the education of the Children and youths of Palatka.

On the first Sunday in Lent I visited St. Mary's Church, Green Cove Spring. As the priest in charge, the Rev. Dr. Foote, of the Diocese of Western New York, whose ministrations and labors there for the winter have been most acceptable, had announced a course of six sermons for the Sunday mornings in Lent, I insisted upon his preaching. The church was crowded, as usual, and is already insufficient to accommodate the congregation.

On the second Sunday in Lent I visited Fort George. In the

morning, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Rand, I confirmed *two*. Immediately after service, accompanied by Mr. Rand, I went in a sail-boat six miles to the ship-yard, now called Fulton, and in the afternoon, after the baptism of one adult, and a sermon by Mr. Rand and an address by myself, I confirmed *nine* colored people, eight of whom had been baptized on Mr. Rand's previous visit. These were the first fruits of a labor of love inaugurated at this place two years ago by a devoted layman, Mr. Kjlgaard, acting under the authority of my license, as Lay Reader, and in the expense incurred of nearly a thousand dollars in the erection of a suitable chapel for this work, acting as the almoner of R. F. Cutting, Esq., of New York. Mr. Kjlgaard's devotion and earnestness has awakened much interest among the colored people throughout that district of country, so much so indeed that it is decided to erect another chapel to accommodate the neighborhood of people some miles distant, who have journeyed on every Lord's day from their homes and back again, so greatly have they appreciated the services they could thereby avail themselves of.

The church at Fort George is finished and entirely furnished excepting the windows, which the lady who contributed the funds for the erection of the church, Mrs. Ward, of New York, has requested me to have provided at once.

The Rev. Mr. Rand, Rector of the Church in Haverhill, Massachusetts, who spent the winter in Florida for the benefit of his wife's health, inaugurated the services both at Fort George and Fulton, to the greatest satisfaction and edification of all who were so fortunate as to enjoy his ministrations.

February 21st I baptized an infant at Villa Alexandria.

On the third Sunday in Lent I visited the Church of the Holy Cross at Sanford. In the morning I assisted in the services and preached. There were none prepared for confirmation.

On the fourth Sunday in Lent I visited the Church of the Good Shepherd of Maitland, preached and confirmed *fifteen*.

This beautiful church, erected at his own expense by the Bishop of Minnesota as a memorial to his son, and which had been recently completed, was crowded to overflowing, notwith-

standing both the Roman Catholic and Methodist Bishops, by a singular coincidence, were officiating at the same hour, at their respective places of worship. This was gratifying as showing the hold which the Church has already gained upon the major part of that intelligent and interesting community. The services throughout were spirited and very impressive, and the rendering of a selection from Oratorio of the Messiah would have given satisfaction and delight anywhere.

On Passion Sunday (the 5th in Lent) I visited Trinity Church, Apalachicola. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. In the afternoon, at the close of the Sunday-school, I baptized two infants, and at night I again preached and confirmed *nine*.

From Apalachicola I proceeded to Pensacola by the railroad just completed to that place from Chattahoochee; thereby accomplishing in seven hours a transit that has always before consumed three days and nights of travel.

On Saturday, the 17th day of March, the Church of the Good Shepherd at Maitland, was consecrated by the Bishop of Minnesota, acting in my behalf and at my request. I was not aware of the Bishop's contemplated visit to Florida this winter when I published my appointments; but on learning that he was to come, as the church was ready for consecration, I thought it very proper that he should act as consecrator, as I should have requested him to do, even had I been able to be present, the church being his generous gift to the Diocese.

There were present and assisting in the services, of the Clergy, the Rev. Dean Livermore, of Minnesota; the Rev. R. K. Sweet, of Illinois; the Rev. Messrs. Phelps, Ward and Carpenter, of Florida. The request to consecrate was read by the Rev. Mr. Ward, the Missionary in charge, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Mr. Phelps.

On Palm Sunday I visited Christ Church, Pensacola. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and at night I again preached and confirmed *eight*.

On Wednesday in Holy Week I visited St. Mary's Church, Milton. In the morning, with proper preparatory services, I

celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and at night I preached and confirmed *one* person, a lady from Mobile, who made the journey from that city expressly to meet me on this visitation and be confirmed in the church in which she was baptized.

In making the three visitations last named—Apalachicola, Pensacola and Milton—I found harmony and good feeling prevailing, and the work of the Church progressing as usual, but met with nothing calling for special remarks.

Good Friday, Easter Even, and Easter Day I spent in the visitation of St. Luke's, Marianna. I held services and preached on each of these days, celebrating the Holy Eucharist, of course, on Sunday morning, and confirming one person in the afternoon. In these services I was quite alone, the missionary to whom I committed this work last winter, and whose labors, while he remained, gave promise of excellent success, having left his field and the Diocese without giving me or any one else, the slightest intimation of his purpose of leaving, or whither he was going.

As was to be expected, I found that the construction of the railroad had awakened this interesting community to new life and hopes, and possessing as they do one of the fairest and most productive portions of our State, now for the first time brought into contact with the rest of the world by one of the finest lines of transportation in the land, the present revival of hopes and efforts for future advancement must be taken but as the beginning of a hitherto unknown prosperity that now awaits that people. I was gratified to find that a debt of several hundred dollars that rested upon the church edifice had been paid since my previous visitation, and that through the efforts of the ladies of that parish, still faithful and unwearied in their efforts for good, as they have ever been in the past, have provided the means for plastering the church, and propose next to raise the money for the purchase of a bell.

I hope that this parish will be soon able to contribute a sufficient amount to support a resident minister with some aid from the mission funds, and have arranged that in the meantime the Rev. Mr. Apple shall give to Marianna a portion of his time.

On Friday evening, March 30th, I visited and preached in

Trinity Church, Gainesville. There were no candidates for confirmation prepared, the clergyman whom I assigned to this work in December, who applied for the place, and was highly recommended to me, and gave great satisfaction while he remained, having abandoned his work and the Diocese, much as the missionary at Marianna had just previously done, though in the latter case I was informed by the missionary of his purpose to leave without any intimation of the time when, which he did about ten days before Easter. I am now in correspondence respecting several men who have applied for work in Florida, and hope soon to be able to supply this important parish.

On the first Sunday after Easter I visited Christ Church, Cedar Key. In the morning I preached and confirmed *nine*, and preached again at night. The healthy growth and increase in strength of this parish since my last visitation was very gratifying. Mr. Willson, the Rector, is proving himself to be a true missionary. He has established regular services at Rosewood and Bronson, and contemplates including other places in his ministrations, as he is solicited to do, down the coast, and up the Suwanee River. Should the late growth and improvement of that portion of the State continue, Cedar Key will become the centre of a missionary work requiring two or three men for its proper accomplishment.

On the second Sunday after Easter I visited St. Paul's Church, Key West, and preached morning and night. At the latter service I confirmed *nineteen*. Of these six were from St. Paul's, five from St. John's (Cuban mission) and eight from St. Peter's (colored mission).

I was gratified at finding the condition of St. Paul's Parish more satisfactory than on any previous visitation. They were truly fortunate in securing their present Rector, of whom the Senior Warden remarked to me that he had never heard any one speak, since he came to them nearly two years ago, except in a tone of appreciation and commendation. I look for excellent results to this important parish from his judicious and untiring labors.

On the fourth Sunday after Easter I visited Trinity Church,

St. Augustine, and preached morning and night. At the latter service I confirmed *eight*.

On the fifth Sunday after Easter I assisted in the services in St. John's Jacksonville.

On Tuesday, May 1st, it being the Feast of St. Philip and St. James, I visited Madison for the consecration of the church recently completed there, but the torrents of rain that fell throughout the morning were such as to prevent the attendance at the service of the majority of those who contributed to the erection of the church, and I, therefore, postponed it to the first Sunday after Trinity. This brings up the record of my official acts from our last to the opening of our present Diocesan Council.

My views as to the condition and prospects of the Diocese, and our growing responsibilities arising out of the rapid growth in the development of our State, set forth very plainly in a Pastoral printed in the November number of THE FLORIDA CHURCHMAN, and I need not here repeat what was then said, though I would emphasize, if possible, what was said as to the incalculable importance of strengthening and extending the work of the Woman's Auxiliary. Those more immediately concerned in the administration of the Diocese realize, as none others can, the vital importance of having a fund at our command to meet the frequent emergencies that are constantly arising in the rapid development of our missionary work, as well as to supplement the inadequate appropriations for this work made by the Committee of Domestic Missions. I hope that the clergy will resolutely persevere in pressing this matter upon the people of their parishes and missions, respectively, till there is reached, at last, the minimum at which we aimed when this instrumentality was inaugurated of one cent a day from each communicant in the Diocese. 'This amount is surely within the ability of every one who has half a mind to give it. It is vastly less than is expended by the aggregate of our communicants in luxuries of self-indulgence, and the frivolities of fashion. The amount actually contributed during the last year is only about twelve hundred dollars. The amount that could have been contributed, had our present number of communicants averaged only one cent a day,

would have been over six thousand three hundred dollars. What a fearful shortcoming! One thousand two hundred dollars a year instead of six thousand three hundred!! How much more rapidly and effectively could we push forward the extension and building up of the Church would our people but take to heart their accountability to God in this matter. Upon you, my brethren, of the Clergy, depends mainly what the future shall bring forth. The majority of our people are at heart more willing to do than their shortcomings often indicate. If carefully instructed as to their duty and judiciously urged to its performance by their Clergy, in very many cases they would do with pleasure and alacrity what for the want of this they habitually leave undone. Let the Clergy, then, diligently instruct their people as to their duty from the chancel and the pulpit, and from house to house, urging upon them lovingly and earnestly, for the sake of CHRIST and the salvation of their own souls, to be faithful to the stewardship entrusted to each, in his measure, by the Great Head of the Church.

For convenience of reference I append as a foot-note a tabulated exhibit of this matter, printed in the April number of THE FLORIDA CHURCHMAN. * (See next page.)

Next in importance to the subject just spoken of, and one demanding our immediate attention, is the matter of our duty as a Diocese to the University of the South. In the December, January and February numbers of THE FLORIDA CHURCHMAN I published a series of articles for the general information of the Diocese, and as the time has now fully arrived for our decided and efficient action as one of the Dioceses that founded this much needed and promising institution, I would suggest the appointment of a committee of laymen to formulate this matter, and propose to this body such measures for immediate action as may relieve us as a Diocese from the unenviable notoriety and disgrace of being the only one interested in the University, which has done literally *nothing* for its support.

I would here take occasion to express my approval and commendation of the paper just spoken of, and which is known to you all. Its well-written editorials and judicious selections, its

catholic, conservative and evangelical tone, must have met, I am sure, the general approval of the Clergy and the Laity of the Diocese. To me, as Bishop, it is a real necessity as an organ of communication with the widely separated sections of our territorially vast Diocese. And, if properly sustained, it will tend to an important extent to the unity and solidification of the Diocese by keeping each portion constantly informed of the doings and prosperity of every other portion, thus bringing us nearer together in mind and heart, as brethren of the same

* In the following table the number of communicants is taken from the Parochial Reports of the Journal of the Diocesan Council of 1882, and the average of contributions from returns since that Council:

ORGANIZED PARISHES.	Number of Commu- nicants.	Amount due per month at the min- imum of .01 pr day.	Average contribu- tion per month dur- ing past year.	Amount due for one year at .01 per day.	Actual contribution in the year just past.
Jacksonville.....	319	\$ 95 70	\$ 54 58	\$1,048 40	\$ 650 98
Pensacola.....	179	53 70	1 16	644 40	14 00
Tallahassee.....	113	38 00	2 14	406 80	25 68
Fernandina.....	56	16 80	9 16	201 60	110 00
Gainesville.....	59	17 70	1 80	212 40	21 70
St. Augustine.....	75	22 50	.....	270 00	.....
Palatka.....	80	11 70	5 10	140 40	61 27
St. Paul's, Key West.....	130	39 00	7 00	468 00	82 32
St. John's, Key West.....	350	105 00	.....	1,280 00	.....
St. Peter's, Key West.....	31	9 30	.....	111 00	.....
Monticello.....	25	7 50	1 53	90 00	18 40
Apalachicola.....	45	13 50	.....	162 00	.....
Ocala.....	30	9 00	58	109 00	6 80
Cedar Key.....	44	13 20	18	158 40	2 20
Lake City.....	35	10 50	13	128 00	1 67
Milton.....	17	5 10	4 57	61 20	54 97
MISSIONS.					
Sanford.....	15	4 50	.....	54 00	.....
Crescent City.....	10	3 00	3 20	36 00	38 48
Daytona.....	21	6 30	10	75 00	1 25
San Mateo.....	6	1 80	.....	21 60	.....
Longwood.....	16	4 80	.....	57 60	.....
Orange Park.....	20	6 00	.....	72 00	.....
Margaretta.....	5	1 50	13	18 00	1 67
Cedar Creek.....	20	6 60	15	72 00	1 80
Welaka.....	8	2 40	.....	28 80	.....
Mandarin.....	22	6 00	.....	79 20	.....
Federal Point.....	14	4 20	.....	50 40	.....
Lake Eustis.....	20	6 00	.....	72 00	.....
Madison.....	14	2 40	.....	50 40	.....
Santa Fe.....	5	1 50	.....	18 00	.....
Waldo.....	17	5 70	.....	68 40	.....
Tampa and Manatee.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1,760	\$528 60	\$92 18	\$6,343 20	\$1,107 10

family, than would otherwise be possible in the isolation and remoteness from each other of our several parishes and missions. I bespeak for the paper that interest in its success and cordial support which its merits deserve and our necessities require.

There have been several note-worthy deaths, during the past year, in both our own Church and our Mother Church of England. Among those in our own Church were the Bishop of Indiana, the Rev. Dr. Craik, of Kentucky, the Rev. and truly venerable Dr. Hill, for fifty years our missionary at Athens, Greece, the Rev. Dr. John Cotton Smith, of New York, and the Rev. Dr. Twing, the late Secretary of the Domestic Department of our Board of Missions. Among those in the Church of England were the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Rev. Dr. Pusey. It would be pleasant to speak somewhat at length of the great and important services which have been rendered to the Church by these distinguished Fathers and Sons, each in his own peculiar sphere, as some of them in the future history of the Church will take rank with the first men of any age since the establishment of Christianity. But to do justice to this matter would extend this address to too great a length, while the full utterances of the Church press respecting these several bereavements, which were made as, one after another, they occurred, preclude the necessity of my adding anything here and now.

Just after the delivery of my last annual address, I gave a letter dismissory for the Rev. Chas. P. Rodefer to the Bishop of Tennessee, and have since transferred the Rev. E. W. Meany to the Missionary Bishop of New Mexico and Arizona.

I have received into the Diocese, since our last meeting, the Rev. Johannes A. Oertel, and the Rev. Thomas D. Pitts, from the Diocese of North Carolina; the Rev. Wm. H. Milnes, from the Diocese of Minnesota; the Rev. Wm. Willson from the Diocese of Springfield; the Rev. Robt. B. Wolseley, from the Diocese of Western New York, and the Rev. Chas. R. Stroh, from the Diocese of Iowa. As already stated in this address, three clergymen, canonically connected with other Dioceses, have been rendering most acceptable and efficient services to as many congregations of our people during the winter.

I have received the following notices of depositions from the Holy Ministry:

By the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, of the suspension from the ministry of the Rev. Roland Brent, Deacon.

By the Bishop of Iowa, of the deposition of the Rev. Oscar Leslie Worfel, Deacon.

By the Bishop of Pennsylvania, of the deposition of the Rev. D. Otis Kellogg, D. D., Presbyter.

By the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, of the deposition of the Rev. Emile J. Hall, Presbyter.

I am also notified by the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, that Messrs. Thomas B. Hubbell, Henry Campbell, C. J. Hazelwood, and Richard Hamilton, have ceased to be candidates for Holy Orders in that Diocese.

Commending ourselves, dear brethren, and each other to CHRIST our GOD, let us devoutly invoke the presence and aid of His Blessed SPIRIT to direct us in all our works and ways.

JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG,
Bishop of Florida.

(APPENDIX B.)

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

No. of families, 183. Persons not so included, 170. Total of persons, 1,080. Lay Readers, 5. Baptisms—Adults, 4; infants, 44; total, 48. Communicants—Admitted, 29; added by removal, 30; lost, 49; lost by death, 3; present number, 326. Marriages, 14. Burials, 36. Sunday-School Teachers, 61; Sunday-School Scholars, 412. Bradford Institute Teachers, 5; Bradford Institute Scholars, 57. No. of services, Church and Chapels, 639. Holy Communion—Times, 48.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$35,000 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	3,000 00
School Property.....	5,000 00
Other Property.....	4,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$47,000 00
Insurance.....	25,300 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 3,613 45
Diocesan Assessment.....	350 00
Diocesan Missions.....	665 20
Domestic Missions.....	27 30
Sunday-School Offerings.....	329 81
Communion Alms.....	109 38
Sick at Pensacola.....	113 92
Total Contributions.....	\$ 5,095 19

No. of Sitzings, Church and Chapels, 1,000.

R. H. WELLER, Rector.

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CHRIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA.

No. of families, 75. Persons not so included, 100. Total of persons, 500. Lay Readers, 2. Baptisms—Adults, 7 ; infants, 20; total, 27. Confirmed, 8. Communicants—Admitted, 8; added by removal, 6; lost by death, 3; present number 190. Marriages, 7. Burials, 106. Sunday-School Teachers, 12; Sunday-School Scholars, 150. Parish School Teachers, 3; Parish School Scholars, 65. No. of services, 258. Holy Communion—Times, 30.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$12,000 00
School Property.....	2,300 00
Total of Values.....	\$14,300 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 1,220 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	244 00
Diocesan Missions.....	83 00
Expenses of General Convention	9 00
Other Purposes.....	124 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 1,730 00

No. of Sitzings, 400.

J. J. SCOTT, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TALLAHASSEE.

No. of families, 61. Persons not so included, 21. Total of persons, 285. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Adults, 1 ; infants, 7 ; total, 1. Confirmed, 6. Communicants—Admitted, 8; added by removal, 3; lost 10; lost by death, 2; present number, 112. Marriages, 3. Burials, 11. Sunday-School Teachers, 7; Sunday-School Scholars, 55. No. of services, 290. Holy Communion—Times, 80.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$7,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$7,000 00
Insurance.....	4,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$1,197 33
Diocesan Assessment.....	90 00
Diocesan Missions.....	35 28
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	5 50
For the Jews.....	4 50
Communion Alms.....	56 65
Building Fund.....	582 22
Total Contributions.....	\$1,971 48

No. of Sitzings, 400.

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REMARKS.—I have held services twice a month at the State Lunatic Asylum at Chattahoochee.

W. H. CARTER, Rector.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FERNANDINA.

No. of families, 43. Persons not so included, 11. Total of persons, 160. Lay Readers, 2. Baptisms—Infants, 7 ; total, 7. Communicants—Added by removal, 5 ; lost by death, 1 ; present number, 63. Marriages, 5. Burials, 9. Sunday-School Teachers, 6 ; Sunday-School Scholars, 40. No. of Services, 117. Holy Communion—Times, 20.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 8,500 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	2,500 00
Other Property....	600 00
Total of Values.....	\$11,600 00
Insurance	6,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 1,153 77
Diocesan Assessment.....	100 00
Diocesan Missions.....	110 00
Domestic Missions.....	10 07
Disabled Clergy Fund	19 67
University of the South.....	50 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 1,443 51

No. of Sitzings, 120.

OWEN P. THACKARA, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, ST. AUGUSTINE.

No. of families, 44. Total of persons, 250. Baptisms—Adults, 3 ; infants, 15 ; total, 18. Confirmed, 8. Communicants—Admitted, 9 ; present number, 84. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Sunday-School Teachers, 9 ; Sunday-School Scholars, 50. No. of services, 151. Holy Communion—Times, 13.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$15,000 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	5,000 00
Other Property.....	5,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$25,000 00
Insurance.....	2,500 00

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 1,462 00
Diocesan Missions.....	100 00
Domestic Missions for Jews.....	70 00
Communion Alms.....	142 00
Other Purposes.....	800 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 2,574 00
No. of Sitzings, 300. .	

E. ROOTE, Rector.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PALATKA.

No. of families, 23. Persons not so included, 9. Total of persons, 98. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 10; total, 10. Confirmed, 7. Communicants—Admitted, 7; added by removal, 2; lost, 4; lost by death, 2; present number, 45. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8. Sunday-School Teachers, 5; Sunday-School Scholars, 41. Parish School Teachers, 1; Parish School Scholars, 25. No. of services, 176. Holy Communion—Times, 16.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 4,500 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	4,500 00
School Property.....	1,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$10,000 00
Insurance	8,600 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 1,461 38
Diocesan Assessment.....	75 00
Diocesan Missions.....	67 15
Domestic Missions.....	10 00
Foreign Missions.....	6 81
Sunday-School Easter offerings for Diocesan Mission.....	7 00
School-House.....	800 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 2,427 12

No. of Sitzings, 175.

REMARKS.—The school-house was paid for with moneys derived, for the most part, from outside sources. Occasional services have been given at the Missions in this County.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 103. Persons not so included, 30. Total of persons, 545. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 53; total, 55. Confirmed, 14. Communicants—Admitted, 6; lost, 2; lost by death, 3; present number, 131. Marriages, 14. Burials, 21. Sunday-

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School Teachers, 40; Sunday-School Scholars, 325. No. of services, 146. Holy Communion—Times, 16.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 8,313 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	4,470 00
Total of Values.....	\$12,783 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 1,200 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	250 00
Diocesan Missions.....	90 00
Domestic Missions.....	90 00
Other Purposes.....	5 56
Total Contributions.....	\$ 1,680 56

No. of Sitzings, 360.

REMARKS.—I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the general improvement in the Parish, and trust that, through the grace of God, shed abroad on the hearts of our people, St. Paul's, Key West, may ere long become not only in outward act, but in vital principle, a live Parish.

CHARLES F. D. LYNE, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTICELLO.

No. of families, 15. Persons not so included, uncertain. Total of persons, about 70. Baptisms—Infants, 7; total, 7. Confirmed, 4. Communicants—Admitted, 4; added by removal, 1; lost, 2; lost by death, 1; present number, 30. Burials, 2. Sunday-School Teachers, 4; Sunday-School Scholars, 25. Parish School Teachers, 4 to 6; Parish School Scholars, 25 to 30. No. of services, 104. Holy Communion—Times, 12.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$1,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$1,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 800 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	30 00
Diocesan Missions.....	2 50
Domestic Missions.....	12 50
Foreign Missions.....	2 50
University of the South.....	5 00
Communion Alms.....	16 00
Other Purposes.....	42 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 972 00

No. of Sitzings, 100.

THOMAS BONSALE, Rector.

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TRINITY CHURCH, APALACHICOLA.

No. of families, 40. Persons not so included, 35. Total of persons, 225. Lay readers, 2. Baptisms—Infants 6; total, 6. Confirmed 9. Communicants—Present number, 45. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8. Sunday-School Teachers, 10; Sunday-School Scholars, 50. No. of services, 200. Holy Communion—Times, 2.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$4,000 00
Total of Values.....	<u>\$4,000 00</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 415 00
Other Purposes.....	550 00
Total Contributions.....	<u>\$ 965 00</u>

No. of Sitzings, 350.

C. A. APPLE, Missionary.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, MARIANNA.

No. of families, 21. Total of Persons, 100. Lay Readers, 2. Confirmed, 1. Communicants—Present number, 32. Burials, 1. Sunday-School Teachers, 6; Sunday-School Scholars, 20. No. of services, 15. Holy Communion—Times, 2.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,000 00
Total of Values.....	<u>\$2,000 00</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS,

Parochial	\$ 40 00
Other Purposes.....	200 00
Total Contributions.....	<u>\$ 240 00</u>

No. of Sitzings, 100.

REMARKS.—This Parish, a strong one years ago, has become very weak, and has been without services almost altogether for several years. The undersigned took charge in April, 1883, less than a month ago. This accounts for the meagre report.

Thirteen dollars and twenty-five cents was contributed to the "Woman's Auxiliary," which would make all collections amount to \$253.25.

C. A. APPLE, Missionary.

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GRACE CHURCH, OCALA.

No. of families, 20. Persons not so included, 30. Total of persons, 110. Lay Readers, 2. Communicants—Admitted, 5. Marriages, 1. Sunday-School Teachers, 4; Sunday-School Scholars, 25. No. of services, 50. Holy Communion—Times, 7.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$1,500 00
Total of Values.....	\$1,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 500 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	40 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 540 00

No. of Sitzings, 80.

REMARKS.—Parish rapidly growing, and prospects for further increase good.

R. R. SNOWDEN, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 63. Persons not so included, 137. Total of persons, 452. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 65; total, 65. Confirmed, 5. Communicants—Admitted, 3; added by removal, 1; lost, 2; lost by death, 4; present number, 50. Marriages, 39. Burials, 26. No. of services, 46. Holy Communion—Times, 14.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$100 00
Other Purposes.....	14 85
Total Contributions.....	\$114 85

J. B. BAEZ, Missionary.

CHRIST CHURCH, CEDAR KEY.

No. of families, 33. Persons not so included, 20. Total of persons, 150. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 7; total, 8. Confirmed, 13. Communicants—Admitted, 13; added by removal, 4; lost, 3; present number, 57. Marriages 2. Burials 4. Sunday-School Teachers, 6; Sunday-School Scholars, 50. No. of services, 70. Holy Communion—Times, 6.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,500 00
Total of Values.....	\$2,500 00

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Assessment.....	\$ 30 00
Diocesan Missions.....	7 25
Other Purposes.....	5 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 42 25

No. of Sitzings, 150.

REMARKS.—This report is only for the past five months, the present rector having taken charge December 1, 1882.

WILLIAM WILLSON, Rector.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, LAKE CITY.

No. of families, 14. Persons not so included, 3. Total of persons, 68. Baptisms—Infants, 6; total, 6. Communicants—Lost, 8; present number, 27. Sunday-School Teachers, 5; Sunday-School Scholars, 24. Parish School Teachers, 3; Parish School Scholars, 15. No. of services, 275. Holy Communion—Times, 22.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,500 00
School Property	500 00
Total of Values.....	\$3,000 00
Insurance.....	1,750 00
Indebtedness	100 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 64 65
Diocesan Assessment.....	9 80
Diocesan Missions.....	3 84
Domestic Missions.....	3 83
Foreign Missions.....	3 83
Other Purposes.....	98 71
Total Contributions.....	\$ 188 16

No. of Sitzings, 150.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MILTON.

No. of families, 16. Persons not so included, 2. Total of persons, 67. Baptisms—Infants, 3; total, 3. Confirmed, 1. Communicants—Admitted, 2; lost, 2; present number, 17. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5. Sunday-School Teachers, 3; Sunday-School Scholars, 30. No. of services, 76. Holy Communion—Times, 2.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,000 00
Other Property.....	375 00
Total of Values.....	\$2,375 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 220 95
Diocesan Assessment.....	40 00
Diocesan Missions.....	54 95
Domestic Missions.....	4 05
Foreign Missions.....	5 00
Communion Alms.....	6 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 340 55

No. of Sitzings, 150.

CHARLES E. McDOUGALL, Missionary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MADISON.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$800 00
Total of Values.....	\$800 00

REMARKS.—On August 1, 1882, the corner stone of the new church was laid by the Rev. Dr. Carter, acting under authority from the Bishop. The Rev. E. W. Meany was present, and assisted. The church is now ready for consecration. May 1st was the time appointed for that service, and the Bishop and several of the clergy were present; but owing to the violent storm of rain, the Bishop thought it best to postpone the consecration until the first Sunday after Trinity.

JOSEPH C. BYTHEWOOD, Senior Warden.

MISSIONS.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, SANFORD.

No. of families, 26. Persons not so included, 30. Total of persons, 120. Baptisms—Infants, 3; total, 3. Communicants—Admitted, 4; added by removal, 11; lost, 4; present number, 30. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday-School Teachers, 4; Sunday-School Scholars, 22. No. of Services, 170. Holy Communion—Times, 15.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 3,000 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	2,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 5,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 600 00
Diocesan Missions.....	18 00
Communion Alms.....	75 00
Other Purposes.....	400 00
Total Contributions	\$ 1,093 00

No. of Sitzings, 150.

S. B. CARPENTER, Missionary.

HOLY COMFORTER CHURCH, CRESCENT CITY.

No. of families, 10. Persons not so included, 7. Total of persons, 35. Baptisms—Infants, 3; total 3. Communicants—Added by removal, 2; present number, 13. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. No. of services, 31. Holy Communion—Times, 2.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 1,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 1,000 00

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 112 55
Diocesan Assessment.....	10 00
Other Purposes.....	65 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 187 55

No. of Sitzings, 100.

A. W. KNIGHT, JR., Assistant Missionary.

ST. MARK'S MISSION, HALIFAX RIVER.

No. of families, 12. Persons not so included, 13. Total of persons, 60. Lay readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 8; total, 8. Communicants—Added by removal, 1; present number, 23. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday-School Teachers, 3; Sunday-School Scholars, 20; Parish School Teachers, 1; Parish School Scholars, 4. No. of services, 123. Holy Communion—Times, 23.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Grounds.....	\$ 500 00
Rectory Grounds.....	50 00
Other Property, 40 acres donated by the late Mr. Fleming, church and furniture.....	2,100 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 2,650 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Offertory.....	\$ 188 00
Port Orange Offertory applied to building fund for that place.....	68 37
Diocesan Missions.....	3 25
Other purposes.....	35 50
Daytona church building fund.....	275 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 568 12

REMARKS.—In September last, my work at De Land was transferred to the Rev. Mr. Wolseley, who was appointed Missionary by the Bishop. After temporary suspension, services have been resumed at Port Orange with good promise. Officiate there every Sunday afternoon. At Ormond, I regret to say, that the suspension continues. The time is anxiously anticipated when they will be resumed there also. In the meantime, I encourage myself, in spite of difficulties, with hopes of progress at Daytona, where, on the Festival of St. Mark, April 25th instant, the corner stone of St. Mary's Church was laid. The building will be completed in due time. The lumber is on the ground, and a portion of the money paid for it. The balance is in hand, and will be paid on delivery of shingles.

H. B. STUART-MARTIN,

Missionary in Charge.

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ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, SAN MATEO.

No. of families, 10. Persons not so included, 2. Total of persons, 29. Communicants—Present number, 6. No. of services, 34. Holy Communion—Times, 2.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$ 1,200 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 1,200 00
Insurance.....	800 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 186 00
Diocesan Assessment ..	10 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 196 00

No. of Sitzings, 100.

A. W. KNIGHT, JR., Assistant Missionary.

GRACE CHURCH, ORANGE PARK.

No. of families, 15. Total of persons, 50. Communicants—Added by removal, 3; lost, 2; present number, 20. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday-School Teachers, 3; Sunday-School Scholars, 20. No. of services, 45. Holy Communion—Times, 10.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$1,200 00
Total of Values.....	\$1,200 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 8 51
Diocesan Assessment.....	15 00
Diocesan Missions.....	26 40
Other Purposes.....	10 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 59 91

No. of Sitzings, 75.

OLIVER TAYLOR, Missionary.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, MARGARETTA.

No. of families, 7. Persons not so included, 1. Total of persons, 30. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 5; total, 6. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Admitted, 3; lost, 3; present number, 2. Sunday-School Teachers, 1; Sunday-School Scholars, 18. No. of services, 36. Holy Communion—Times, 16.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$450 00
Other Property	120 00
Total of Values.....	\$570 00

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$160 85
Diocesan Assessment.....	5 00
Other Purposes.....	00 35
Total Contributions.....	\$235 20

No. of Sitzings, 75.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

EMANUEL CHURCH, WELAKA.

No. of families, 8. Persons not so included, 4. Total of persons, 23. Baptisms—Adults, 2; total, 2. Communicants—Added by removal, 1; lost by death, 1; present number, 8. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Sunday-School Teachers, 3; Sunday-School Scholars, 15. No. of services, 17. Holy Communion—Times, 1.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$400 00
Total of Values.....	\$400 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 30 80
Other Purposes.....	90 00
Total Contributions.....	\$120 80

No. of Sitzings, 90.

A. W. KNIGHT, JR., Assistant Missionary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CEDAR CREEK.

No. of families, 17. Persons not so included, 2. Total of persons, 85. Baptisms—Adults, 1; total, 1. Confirmed, 4. Communicants—Admitted, 4; lost, 1; present number, 20. Sunday-School Teachers, 3; Sunday-School Scholars, 35. Parish School Teachers, 1; Parish School Scholars, 22. No. of services, 17. Holy Communion—Times, 9.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$100 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	150 00
Other Property.....	50 00
Total of Values.....	\$300 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 1 45
Diocesan Assessment.....	3 00
Diocesan Missions.....	1 94
Communion Alms.....	9 78
Total Contributions.....	\$ 16 17

No. of Sitzings, 65.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

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CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, MANDARIN.

No. of families, 27. Persons not so included, 17. Total of persons, 109. Baptisms—Infants, 1; total, 1. Communicants—Admitted, 4; present number, 26. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday-School Teachers, 4; Sunday-School Scholars, 20. No. of services, 81. Holy Communion—Times, 9.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,500 00
Total Values.....	<u>\$2,500 00</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 543 95
Diocesan Assessment.....	10 00
Domestic Missions.....	5 29
Communion Alms.....	27 48
Other Purposes.....	1,470 13
Total Contributions.....	<u>\$2,056 83</u>

No. of Sitzings, 170.

C. M. STURGES, Missionary.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FEDERAL POINT.

No. of families, 9. Persons not so included, 4. Total of persons, 30. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Present number, 10. Burials, 2. Sunday-School Teachers, 6; Sunday-School Scholars, 25. No. of services, 52. Holy Communion—Times, 1.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$1,200 00
Total of Values.....	<u>\$1,200 00</u>
Indebtedness	400 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 47 43
Diocesan Assessment.....	8 00
Total Contributions.....	<u>\$ 55 43</u>

No. of Sitzings. 125.

A. W. KNIGHT, JR., Assistant Missionary.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, EUSTIS.

No. of families, 16. Persons not so included, 29. Total of persons, 88. Lay Readers, 2. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 1; total, 2. Confirmed, 5. Communicants—Admitted, 2; added by removal, 24; lost, 1; present number, 25. Burials, 3. Sunday-

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School Teachers, 7; Sunday-School Scholars, 39. No. of services, 56. Holy Communion—Times, 9.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,300 00
Total of Values.....	\$2,300 00
Indebtedness	100 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 89 10
Diocesan Assessment.....	10 00
Diocesan Missions.....	200 00
Other Purposes—Building Church, etc.....	1,716 53
Total Contributions.....	\$2,015 63

No. of Sitzings, 100.

JESSE R. BICKNELL, Missionary.

MISSION AT MANATEE RIVER.

No. of families, 5. Persons not so included, 4. Total of persons, 14. Baptisms—Infants, 5. Communicants—present number, 8. Marriages, 1. Number of services, 6. Holy Communion—Times, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms (Easter).....	\$14 00
Other Purposes.....	57 00
Total Contributions.....	\$71 00

REMARKS.—A church building is now assured at this Station, and we hope to have it ready for use at no distant date. The church “grounds” have not been reported because they have not yet been deeded to the church authorities. But the gift of a lot is virtually made.

J. H. WEDDELL, Missionary.

MISSION AT THONOTOSASSA.

Total of persons, 7. Communicants—Admitted, 7; present number, 7. No. of services, 9. Holy Communion—Times, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms.....	\$9 20
Total Contributions.....	\$9 20

REMARKS.—There was some considerable delay in getting the work started at this place, owing to the want of a place for services, and expectations of a building not yet realized. The

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services are now, and have been, held in the house of the Missionary, and the congregations are encouraging—about twenty-five. Owing to the peculiar circumstances, no collections are taken. The work is entirely new.

J. H. WEDDELL, Missionary.

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION, TAMPA.

No. of families, 6. Persons not so included, 5. Total of persons, 25. Baptisms—Infants, 2; total, 2. Communicants—Admitted, 12; added by removal, 1; present number, 13. No. of services, 18. Holy Communion—Times, 2.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Grounds.....	\$1,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$1,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms.....	\$ 8 20
Other Purposes	18 96
Total Contributions.....	\$ 27 16

REMARKS.—A serious impediment in the way of our work here has been the difficulty of finding a room for worship from time to time. This impediment is about to be removed permanently. The bill of lumber for a church building has gone to the mill, and we expect soon to have a neat and churchly edifice completed. The work was never more encouraging than now.

J. H. WEDDELL, Missionary.

ST. BARNABAS' MISSION, DE LAND.

No. of families, 15. Persons not so included, 5. Total of persons, 65. Communicants—Admitted, 19; added by removal, 2; lost, 2; present number, 19. No. of services, from 24th September, 33. Holy Communion—Times, 4.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Grounds.....	\$500 00
Total of Values	\$500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$279 33
Other Purpose—Thanksgiving Offering.....	1 75
Total Contributions.....	\$281 08

REMARKS.—Under appointment, I took charge of this Mission

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on the 24th of September, 1882. Having only a school-house for services, their number is limited, as we have to share the use of the building with the Presbyterians and Campbellites. The Sunday-School has not yet been organized, it being deemed inexpedient just at present to break off from the Union Sunday-School.

A Mason & Hamlin organ has been purchased, and there are funds on hand to procure a silver Communion set. The church building fund amounts to some \$700.

ROBERT B. WOLSELEY, Missionary.

ST. BARNABAS' MISSION, ORANGE CITY.

No. of families, 4. Persons not so included, 3. Total of persons, 19. Communicants—Admitted, 6; added by removal, 2; lost, 2; present number, 6. No. of services, 25. Holy Communion—Times, 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$46 99
Total Contributions.....	\$46 99

REMARKS.—With the promised supply of a horse and wagon of my own I shall be able to devote more time to this Mission; also begin services at Spring Garden, a point six miles north of DeLand, where a few Church families are settled.

ROBERT B. WOLSELEY, Missionary.

ST. JAMES' MISSION, ENTERPRISE.

No. of families, 12. Persons not so included, 30. Total of persons, 65. Communicants—Admitted, 8. No. of services, 4.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Grounds.....	\$ 500 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 40 00
Other Purposes.....	1,200 00
Total Contributions.....	\$1,240 00

REMARKS.—Services in Enterprise were begun in March,

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evening services being held in the hotel. Grounds have been given for a church, and \$1,200 subscribed towards its completion.

S. B. CARPENTER, Missionary.

ZELLWOOD AND APOPKA MISSION.

No. of families, 6. Persons not so included 10. Total of persons, 25. Communicants—Admitted, 1; added by removal, 6; present number, 7. No. of services, 14.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Grounds at Zellwood.....	\$500 00
Total of Values.....	\$500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial—Zellwood.....	\$ 41 92
Parochial—Apopka	1 89
Total Contributions.....	\$ 43 81

JESSE R. BICKNELL, Missionary.

YALAHA MISSION, SUMTER COUNTY.

No. of families, 10. Persons not so included, 2. Total of persons, 36. Baptisms—Infants, 3; total, 3. Communicants—Added by removal, 8; present number, 8. No. of services, 16. Holy Communion—Times, 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$51 47
Total Contributions.....	\$51 47

JESSE R. BICKNELL, Missionary.

PERSONAL REPORTS.

MAITLAND AND ORLANDO MISSIONS.

MAITLAND, May, 1883.

To the Rt. Rev. J. F. Young, S. T. D.:

The following comprises the statistics for the two points—Maitland and Orlando: Families, 64. Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 10; total, 13. Confirmed, 19. Communicants—Admitted by confirmation, 18; by removal, 20; lost by removal, 8; by death, 1; present number, 71 (an increase of 29, all communing). Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. No. of services, 91 (an increase of 31). Holy Communion, 21 times.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY—ORLANDO.

Church Lot.....	600 00	
Church Building.....	1,548 28	
Chancel Furniture.....	151 00	
Easty Organ.....	125 00	
Seats (Chairs).....	75 73	\$2,500 01

MAITLAND.

Church Lot.....	\$ 500 00	
Church Building.....	1,850 00	
Church Furniture.....	156 00	
Church Font.....	60 00	
Church Bell Fund.....	51 00	
Church Carpeting, etc., by the Ladies' Aid.....	59 53	
Church Organ.....	200 00	
Church Books.....	25 00	
Church Fencing.....	40 00	
Church Cross and Lighthing Rod.....	35 00	
Church Glass (subscribed).....	400 00	\$3,376 53

WINTER PARK.	
Church Lot.....	\$ 500 00
Church Rectory Lot.....	500 00—\$1,000 00
Total Values.....	\$6,876 54
Insurance.....	600 00
CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Parochial (for Support of Services) in Maitland.....	\$544 94
Parochial (for Support of Services) in Orlando.....	235 73
Parochial (three Services) in Winter Park.....	12 50
Total Parochial.....	\$793 26
Domestic Missions.. ..	31 00
Seabury Divinity School.....	5 27
Diocesan Assessment.....	10 00
Total of Contributions.....	\$839 53

Inasmuch as all the above figures have never been reported before, and are *actually* the result of the past year's work, church lots, church building and all, the heading "of total contributions" from this mission should, this year, include not only "offerings," but the *entire* total of all totals, which would amount to \$7,716.07. This is the sum actually given and changing hands this year. I have been most careful not to allow any over estimation to be made, having, for accuracy, decreased one reported item of "value of lot" by \$400 to bring it entirely within a reasonable estimate.

We have not had very many additions in families this year. The report shows a decrease; but we have had an increase of interest and of communicants. Our community has begun naturally to break up as the population increases. Four sectarian churches have been built the last winter in Orlando, and a Methodist church has been erected in Maitland. That we have grown, as our substantial figures show, in communicants and means, if not in families, is an evidence of progress. There were no disintegrating influences. Within the past month I have commenced regular services, in addition to my other regular Sunday duties, in Winter Park. It is evident that a strong church community is soon to spring up there. The projectors of the town are predisposed towards the church, and have offered us every encouragement. It is our aim this coming summer to unite our efforts to collect funds for a \$2,500 church at this point. I have every reason to hope that we will succeed.

I am, dear Bishop, very truly yours,

CHARLES W. WARD.

ST. MARGARET'S MEMORIAL CHURCH, HIBERNIA.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

With your consent and approval, I took charge of St. Margaret's Church, Hibernia, at the end of December, 1882, and have held regular services until the present date, May 1, 1883. On every Lord's Day services were held in the morning and afternoon, and during Lent services were held on Wednesdays and Fridays. The attendance upon the services by the winter guests, and by some of the residents upon Fleming's Island, has been generally very good; and though many of them are not Church people, they seemed to appreciate and enjoy the privilege of attending this, the only religious service held at this point. One candidate was confirmed.

The church building is a memorial to the late Mrs. Margaret Fleming. The interior is as yet unfinished, but it is hoped that it may soon be completely finished and enclosed.

The offerings have amounted to about \$150.00.

WASHINGTON B. ERBEN,
Of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

To the Rt. Rev. JOHN F. YOUNG, S. T. D.,
Bishop of Florida.

SANFORD, Orange County, Fla., April 28, 1883.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Bishop:

I have little to report. Have assisted the missionary at Sanford on all Sundays save two, when there have been services in the church. I spent one in Longwood, and went to Eustis at the opening of the new church, and celebrated the Eucharist.

I have taken the entire service at Sanford on seventeen Sundays since the last Annual Council; baptized two children outside the parish; officiated at one marriage, and ministered frequently to the sick.

Very truly yours,

LYMAN PHELPS.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GREEN COVE SPRING.

Regular services have been held in this church from the fourth Sunday in Advent to the third Sunday after Easter, inclusive.

The Holy Communion has been administered six times in public and once in private. Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 4. Total, 7. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Communicants, 6.

I. FOOTE, Priest in Charge.

THOMASVILLE, GA., Feb. 23, 1883.

Dear Bishop Young:

I was obliged to discontinue at Marianna and Madison. Circumstances were against me—the unfinished bridge, making the travel difficult, the long rains and the floods. I was sick from exposure for about ten days, and was about returning North when I was invited here. I stay till Easter, or May. I gave 18 services at Marianna. Holy Communion, 5 times. Number of families, 24. Individuals, 103. Sunday-School Scholars, 30. Communicants 24. The church is free of debt, and has \$150 for fence around the cemetery. I gave at Madison 11 services. Holy Communion, twice. The church is free of debt, and has \$85 for outside painting (now being done); \$55 towards bell, and \$50 for any purpose desired by Mrs. Dozier, who deserves greatest credit for her work in Madison. I left lay-readers at each place, who read evening prayer on Sundays. If possible, I trust that Madison can have a visiting priest monthly for celebration of the Holy Communion, and Marianna have the same from Milton or Apalachicola.

I served two and a half months, and have forwarded the blank sent to me from the Board of Missions, N. Y.

I am, dear Bishop, very respectfully yours,

J. H. McCANDLESS.

(APPENDIX C.)

STANDING RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of each day shall be introduced by prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the Chair.
3. The order of business in the Council shall be as follows:
1st. The appointment of a President; if there be no Bishop, or if the Bishop is absent. 2d. The appointment of a Secretary, by ballot. 3d. The appointment of the Standing Committees of the Council—viz: Committee on the State of the Church, Committee on Canons, Committee on Finance, Committee on Unfinished Business, Committee on Christian Education, and Special Committees. 4th. The Annual Address of the Bishop, if there be one and he be present, or be absent and transmit his address. 5th. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 6th. Reports from Committees of the Council. 7th. Reports from the Treasurer. 8th. Reports from Committees appointed at the last Council. 9th. The election, by ballot, of a Treasurer, of a Registrar, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, of a Finance Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or present any matter to the Council, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall absent himself from the sittings of the Council, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

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6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Council.

7. The Council shall vote by orders, whenever one Clergyman or the Deputation from one Parish may require it.

8. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the Journal.

9. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Council, and shall not be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Council; *provided always*, that any member of the Council voting in the majority may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move a re-consideration of said vote.

10. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Council, unless seconded, and if required, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

11. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

13. Every member who shall be present when the question is put, shall vote, unless excused by the Council.

14. When the Council is about to rise, or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the Chair.

15. The foregoing rules shall be read by the Secretary at the opening of every Council, immediately after the prayer.



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(APPENDIX D.)

SERMON

PREACHED AT THE CONSECRATION OF ST. JOHN'S
CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE, ON SUNDAY,
MAY 7TH, A. D. 1882,

BY THE RT. REV. J. FREEMAN YOUNG, S. T. D., BISHOP OF
FLORIDA.

Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing.—2 Samuel, XXIV. 24.

We are assembled to-day, beloved brethren, in the good providence of GOD, to set apart from all unhallowed and worldly uses and to consecrate forever to Him, as the special dwelling-place of His presence and glory, this House of Prayer, which the blessed Spirit of all grace has, as we trust, put it into your hearts to build and offer unto Him.

I congratulate you with all my heart on this auspicious and joyful occasion.

I congratulate you, my reverend brother, on your satisfaction in seeing to-day of the travail of your pastor's heart which has been your fond and cherished burden of solicitude for the last twelve years. Rightly apprehending the duty of your people, you have steadily urged upon them this work from the time of its first conception. With manly courage and unfaltering faith

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in GOD, you have never been willing to look behind you, but when some new disaster has happened to your town, or some new collapse has occurred in the financial interests of the land, diminishing the ability of your own people, and blighting the prospects of aid from others, you never took counsel of doubt and fear, but adopted as your motto and rule for your guidance, GOD's injunction to one of the leaders of His Church of old—"Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." "The work is GOD's," has been the tenor of your teaching. "Have faith in Him." "Put forth your best efforts, and He will provide."

I congratulate you, brethren of the Vestry, on whom has devolved mainly the burden of this work, and the responsibility of providing the means for its accomplishment. Well, indeed, did you do in recognizing as the starting point and ground idea of your undertaking what has been the governing principle in the worship of GOD ever since men began to call upon His Name—that our offerings to Him are acceptable in proportion to their intrinsic value and costliness, as betokening the fact that they are a *real sacrifice* on our part.

When, by request, I met you together as Rector and Vestry on the 9th of May, 1870 (twelve years ago lacking two days), for consultation respecting your then contemplated undertaking, you thought, as I well remember, that though there was not a rich man in the Parish, and though the members of the congregation, with but few exceptions, were all very poor, yet that with a manly and resolute effort, to be extended through several years, by paying in several annual installments, the sum of \$25,000 could possibly be raised for this work; and because it was believed that it was *possible* for it to be done, it was piously determined to aim at it, and to rest satisfied with nothing short of it; because you felt that you must do your very utmost in this pious work which was to betoken your reverence for GOD's house and glory. And desiring, as you did, that your work of love for Him should be so well done as to stand for ages, and so be a blessing unto your children and children's children, and purposing that, while providing for the immediate wants of your Parish as such, your contemplated work might be fit to become

a part of an edifice of such grandeur of outline and beauty of detail as to be worthy of the name and dignity of a Cathedral, so that for use as such you might hereafter offer it to the Diocese to become the home and centre of the Church and her works, throughout this whole broad land of Florida. No smaller sum than that determined upon could possibly be made to accomplish the important and noble ends at which you so courageously and laudably aimed. Well, then, did you resolve to go forward in your work, as pre-eminently one of faith, to be consecrated by perpetual prayer, trusting in God's help, and your strong, firm resolve for attaining the happy consummation which you have now so successfully and auspiciously reached.

And to the congregation and parishioners generally, as constituting the body of the Church, and the great majority of the Parish, more than to any others, are the congratulations of all most especially due, that under the wise leadership of your Rector and Vestry, you have had the courage to press forward in aiding the work according to your ability, respectively, notwithstanding the misgivings of many that the undertaking was too great for your available means; while, the more to discourage you, you have been wont to hear on all sides the prediction constantly uttered, that if the work were ever to be completed at all, it would devolve for its accomplishment upon your children's children. But, notwithstanding all discouragements and the sacrifices required on your part, you have, with a steady and unfaltering purpose, resolutely pressed forward, till complete success has at length crowned your efforts, so that to-day it is your high privilege and unspeakable joy to assemble in this beautiful house, which, at such cost and sacrifices, you have builded, to make a solemn and grateful offering of it to God, and devote it forever to His worship and glory.

And let me remind you, for this is the fit occasion for doing it, how greatly and inestimably you have blessed yourselves and untold generations of your offspring that are to come after you, in so fitly discharging your first great duty of honoring God, as you have done in this work. For we are *physical* as well as *spiritual* beings, and through our *material* senses does the *spiritual*

or immaterial part of our being receive mainly its impressions. We are creatures of habit, too, and the law of association is one of the most powerful that dominates our being. This law is irresistible, and, as an illustration of its power, let me remind you of the unspeakable strength which, under its operations, our ties to home and kindred, for instance, acquire. The spot where we have passed our earlier years, or which has been the home of any considerable portion of our life, is made thereby singularly dear to us, for this cause alone, irrespective of the relative attractiveness of the place or its surroundings. And years after we may have left it, though parents and kindred, and all the associates and friends whose kindness and affection rendered it so dear, may be buried in the dust, or scattered abroad in the earth, we nevertheless cherish an attachment to the very locality, and at no little inconvenience would go out of our way to revisit it once more. But what blessings can we have received in the scenes of our greatest earthly bliss that are to be compared with what have been and are bestowed upon us in the house of God, wherein we were new-born to Him, where we have been instructed in His will, have joined His people in prayer and praise, and above all, have been made the recipients of our LORD's own Body and Blood, the Sacrament of immortality, given to nourish us unto everlasting life. Surely, if we appreciate these blessings as we ought, the place where they are conferred must be the dearest to us of all places on earth. And as the room or spot, even in our own dwellings, where we have long been wont to perform our private devotions, is, in a manner, thereby made sacred to us, so that as often as we enter into it we are reminded of this duty, and have brought to our thoughts a long chain of memories, of searchings of heart and communings with God. How much more numerous, and varied, and forcible, in their impressive influence upon our souls, are the memories and influences associated with the house of God, where the principal religious devotions, not of our own lives only, have ascended to God, but those perhaps of the lives of generations who have gone before us—that holy place whose sanctity has never been polluted by the intrusion of earthly things—whose sacred stillness has never been

broken by the jarring accents of disorder and strife—whose very **atmosphere** is redolent with the incense of prayer, and whose **every** feature, whether of construction, adornment or appointment, speaks to our minds and hearts of spiritual and eternal things, when our sacred edifices are designed and constructed according to the true principles of religious art. For, in such cases, everything is done with a definite design and purpose; everything has a language in its appropriate symbolical signification.

We must dwell here for a few moments to intimate to you what most people never think of—how much of meaning there is, in all its distinguishing features, in a properly constructed religious edifice, and which was in every particular aimed at in the designs for this church. Not that we have time in the few moments remaining to us to develop a matter so abundantly prolific, for I shall only refer to a few salient points for the purpose of suggesting to you how full of meaning is everything constituting religious art, and how, from its grandest outlines to its most exquisite details, it is the outgrowth of Christianity, pure and simple, aiming at nothing else in all its efforts but to symbolize and impress upon all who come within its influence the precious and loving truths of the blessed Gospel of the Son of God. Wood and stone, and silver and gold, and silk and linen, and divers colors, are but dead, mute things, which have neither speech nor language inherent in themselves, but under the hand of the cunning craftsman and skillful artificer their voices are heard among them, each one entering into the grand harmony of their utterance, being but a louder or a softer echo of the utterances of the voice of God.

And first, as being fundamental, let us speak of the position of the Church, which is almost universally placed in one direction, looking from the West to the East, having the main entrance at the Western and the altar at the Eastern end.

When the erection of this church was commenced, a general wonder was expressed that it should be placed as it was, with its side to the principle avenue of approach, instead of what is now the west end, containing the principal entrance.

There were reasons for doing as we did, unless we would break with the traditional usage of Christendom from the beginning.

It has been generally the rule that churches should have an eastern aspect, because, as the natural sun rises in the east to illuminate our earth, there also arose our glorious Son of Righteousness, "with healing in His wings," and, therefore, towards the place where our light and hopes of life first appeared, we turn our faces as we worship in its holy joy.

Nor is this merely a Christian fancy, for towards the holy city of his prophet does the follower of Mahomet turn to worship, as did Daniel in his captivity pray three times a day with his windows open towards Jerusalem.

And as the East is the region symbolizing light and life, so is the West, which daily quenches in darkness the glorious orb of day, the region that fitly symbolizes the cheerlessness and gloom of sin and death. And as the altar, at which our highest acts of worship are performed, is placed at the east end of our churches, the great door of entrance is fitly placed at the west end so that all who would hasten to flee from the allurements, temptations and sufferings of this miserable and naughty world, may the sooner find refuge in the precincts of the sanctuary, the broad, high entrance signifying the open welcome and abundant room awaiting all who would come here to CHRIST and find rest unto their souls. And what signifies even the very door itself but Him who said: "I am the door, by Me if any man enter in he shall be saved." And as everything symbolical of Him is twofold in reference to His two natures, the human and the divine, so the great west door opens in two leaves, combined under one arch, thus representing His two natures united in one person.

And as the position of the church, looking from west to east, fitly accords with the sentiment which suggested this arrangement, the cruciform ground plan presented to us in most cathedrals, and a great proportion of large parish churches, is more strikingly symbolical still of the fundamental truth of Christianity—the redemption of the world by the death on the cross—signifying, and obviously intended to signify, the image of the Crucified One, upon whom the whole structure of the spiritual



church, visible and invisible, must rest. When not cruciform, churches have generally been built of an oblong form, like the longer arm of the Latin cross, the part of ours now completed. And in cruciform churches, this portion, in form representing a ship, and hence called the Nave from the Latin word *navis*, signifying a ship, fitly represents, as it has always been taken to do, the Church in her militant state, tossed like a ship by the tumultuous billows of earth and time, assaulted by winds of adversity and storms of persecution, always opposed and baffled by the Prince of the Power of the Air, the Spirit that ever worketh in the children of disobedience.

And as the cruciform ground plan is a fit emblem of the atonement made upon the cross, so as we stand within and our vision ranges from end to end, and from side to side, and from floor to roof, we see in every direction the threefold division, symbolizing the blessed Trinity in whose more immediate presence we stand. In length, we have the nave and choir and sanctuary; in width, the nave and northern and southern aisles, and in height, the piers, the upper row of windows called the clerestory, and the space above them called the tri-forium, which in the larger churches is highly ornamented; and so, in whatever direction we may turn our eyes, we seem to hear echoing, Holy, Holy, Holy, responsive to the utterances of the Cherubim above.

As our awe subsides, and we move about the holy house, we observe the pulpit, telling us that "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." We notice, too, the font teaching us that without baptism, as well as repentance and faith, there is no remission of sins. Benches made for prayer and not for sleep, being open and free to all alike, teach us that God is no respecter of persons, and that in this common home of His children the rich and poor are all alike, and equal in the sight of Him who made them what they are. The roof, braced and girded to withstand the howling blast and crashing tempest, bids the Christian feel that beneath the canopy of Heaven, come what may, he will be safe. The writing on the wall, which usually constitutes a considerable part of the decorations, on the one hand, warns him of danger, and on the other assures him of

victory. The Chancel separated from the Nave typifies a state of existence beyond the gates of death; its increase of ornament, the greater delicacy and richness of its carving, and, above all, the Altar, whereon is commemorated the sacrifice of the Lamb of GOD, assures us, if we have but ears to hear, and eyes to see, and hearts to feel, of the triumphant future, when the Church shall have exchanged her garments of sorrow and labor for the glorious apparel of everlasting felicity and rest. Thus all the features and details of a properly constructed church unite with the hallowed associations, which ever linger around it, to kindle the flame of devotion in the heart of the devout worshipper, and help us onward in our pilgrimage to the Church of the redeemed in Heaven, the true Jerusalem above, which is the Mother of us all.

But I must not longer detain you. Suffer me one word more, in conclusion, to emphasize more fully what I said in the beginning of this discourse, as to your having apprehended and acted upon right principles in doing your utmost to honor GOD in building this house to dedicate to His service. The prevailing idea that utilitarianism should be the rule in building our churches, that they should be erected rather with reference to the use and pleasure of man than the honor and glory of GOD, has never obtained in the world until these last days.

The sentiment that has been the governing rule with the faithful servants of GOD from the beginning of the world was aptly expressed by David in the emphatic utterance—"Neither will I offer unto GOD in sacrifice of that which doth cost me nothing." And this is in exact accordance with the requirement which GOD has ever made of his creatures, that of everything He gave them a portion should be given back to Him, not of course to meet any necessities of His, but in recognition of His right to all they possessed. And this was required to be in all cases perfect, the best of its kind, and the first fruits of everything with which He blessed them.

Now, it is an unquestionable truth that GOD never changes, that what is pleasing or displeasing to Him at one time, is alike and equally so at all times. Institutions and ordinances appointed

by Him for a specific purpose, may be abrogated by Him when that purpose is accomplished, or be changed by Him when circumstances change, as the rites of sacrifice ceased when the great sacrifice which they prefigured was offered and other institutions of the former dispensation gave place to new rites of similar import under the altered circumstances of the latter. But while ceremonies and rites as embodying any specific truths, which, for a given time, it is important to press on men's minds, may be abrogated or altered, as circumstances vary, *the character of God*, as appealed to or described in such ordinance, remains always and forever one and the same. The nature of man, and his relations to God, too, are at all times, and in all ages of the world, essentially the same. Hence, the disposition of his heart toward God, the spirit which actuates him in the performance of his religious duties, must be, under all circumstances, essentially the same, if in doing these things he would please God. Different outward acts of worship may be required under different dispensations of religion, but the principle from which these acts proceed—the sentiment of love, of reverence and supreme respect—must alike pervade all to render them acceptable unto the Most High.

It is manifest from this that the principle on which the faithful have acted from the beginning of the world, in devoutly offering back to God, for His service and glory, a portion, and the first portion, of the good things of this world with which He hath blessed them, is yet unabrogated, and incapable of being abrogated, so long as God is the bestower and man the recipient of His gracious gifts—that of all the blessings He confers, the tithe must be rendered back to him, whether it be of treasure or of strength—of talent or of time; and just so far as we refuse or neglect to make an oblation, such as we can, to Him, of the first fruits of all we receive from Him, we refuse or neglect to acknowledge His sovereignty over His creation, and the claims of His mercy upon our gratitude and love. Thus has this matter been regarded by most nations and in most ages of the world, except our own. The abundant and honorable support of the Ministry and offices of religion—the erection and adornment of becoming

temples for the worship of GOD--nay, the exhaustion of treasure and of the resources of all the arts, vieing with each other in contributing their choicest productions for the service of the Sanctuary, have not usually been considered too much for the honor of GOD, but only a becoming offering--"a reasonable service," from dependent and suppliant man.

This principle, that whatever cometh of GOD's hand is all his own—that of His own which He hath lent us, in recognition of His right to all, a portion must be given back to Him, and that when such offering is made it must be not merely valuable, but the *most* valuable we can present, in consideration of His supreme and awful majesty—this same principle is so obviously correct, and accords so perfectly with the universal sentiment of mankind, that it has been acted upon by the more cultivated of even *Heathen* nations to as great an extent almost as it was by the Jews. And since the establishment of Christianity in peace and security, that this has been the controlling sentiment of the Church of the Redeemer, is attested most abundantly by the noble monuments of Christian devotion, which, in many cases, the wealth of three generations was required to erect, and which, though the names of their builders have long since perished, as fadeth away all human glory, will remain, till the end of time, fit emblems of the stability of the Christian faith, with their countless pinnacles almost piercing the skies, in the effort to bear aloft the mind of man to Him that dwelleth in the Heavens. Stupendous and glorious as are these monuments of the piety which produced them, they are but single instances out of a multitude of noble deeds of sacrifice and zeal for GOD, which have honored Christianity and blessed mankind. They are referred to as mere exponents of the spirit of the times in the history of the Church when religion was the all-controlling influence operating upon society—the great central point around which all thought and action, all aspirations and hopes, continually revolved; when the honor of GOD, the glory of GOD and the service of GOD were the one idea of life, to which everything else was subordinate, and in comparison with which wealth, easy pleasure, and all other self-seeking were despised and trampled

under foot as but dung and dross. The whole spirit of Christianity, when permitted to have its sway, is uncalculating, unselfish, liberal, comprehensive, knowing no other bounds than the extent of ability in willing and cheerful responses to the calls of God, and the wants of our fellow men. It ever teaches that it is more blessed to give than to receive—"charging them who are rich in this world that they be ready to give and glad to distribute, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come that they attain eternal life."

Well have you done, then, my dearly beloved in CHRIST who have erected this goodly and appropriate house for the worship and glory of God, and which at our hands you have just now humbly presented and consecrated unto him.

And as you have found and improved your privilege in erecting this house of prayer, you will from henceforth find your opportunities of making manifest your love for CHRIST by liberally sustaining herein, according to the ability which God shall give you, the stated ministrations of His holy religion. Here you are habitually to come into His presence to adore His wondrous attributes; to praise him for His mercies; to confess to Him your sins; to entreat His continued protection, and to be instructed in His most holy will. Here are your offspring to "be born of water and of the SPIRIT," and so translated from the kingdom of Satan into the kingdom of God's dear Son. Here, as they advance from childhood to youth, are they to seek, through the "laying on of hands," the proffered aid of the HOLY SPIRIT of God, to enable them to keep the vows which were uttered in their names and to preserve the robe of their baptismal innocence unspotted and unstained. Here you are to commemorate the Blessed Sacrifice of our Adorable LORD for the sins of the world, and, if worthily done, to receive thereby the remission of your sins and the nourishment of your spiritual life, in no mere figure, but "verily and indeed His most blessed Body and Blood, which, whoso eateth and drinketh, hath eternal life." Here, from time to time, will some of your number be joined together in holy matrimony, that great mystery, as St. Paul terms it, which signifies the union between CHRIST and His

Church. And, lastly, when Almighty God shall take unto Himself the spirits of your beloved ones, within these hallowed precincts, with holy hymns and prayers will you commit their bodies to the dust, “in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.”

But while you aim to appreciate the blessings of the House of God—and you cannot too highly appreciate them—let me exhort you, in conclusion, to remember that they can profit you but little, comparatively, without your earnest personal co-operation in seeking herein spiritual blessings, as well as the contribution of your substance for sustaining its holy ministrations. You may rejoice in having put on CHRIST by your baptism into His name, but if you live in habitual forgetfulness that you were then “purged from your old sins,” and return to the follies you once renounced, “your last state is worse than your first.” You may esteem it a privilege to come here to pray, but it is possible for you to “ask and receive not,” “because you ask amiss.” You may essay to honor God by uniting here in the offering of thanks and praise, but remember that CHRIST says: “Not every one that saith unto me LORD, LORD, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven.” You may often hear read the lessons from God’s Holy Word, but without any personal advantage or blessing, as that word can never profit except it be mixed with faith in them that hear it.” And you may participate in eating that Bread and drinking that Cup, whereby we do show forth the LORD’s death till He come, but if you eat and drink unworthily, not discerning the LORD’s BODY, you will only eat and drink damnation to yourself. Beware, then, my brethren, of drawing nigh unto God with your mouth and honoring Him with your lips, while your heart is from him. Beware of coming here for pastime, or recreation, or fashion, or simply to be pleased with the service or sermon, as admirers or hearers of men, rather than as worshippers and servants of God. And whensoever you hither come remember where you are, and what you have come to do; and whenever you go from hence, remember where you have been and what you have done. Keep ever in mind the prayers

you here offer, the professions you here make, the truths you are here taught, the gifts you here receive, or, through your unfaithfulness, fail to receive, and make a constant and resolute effort to rule and govern your lives according to the most holy will of GOD, so will you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST; so will you become by your visits to this earthly temple more meet and prepared for that City, of which the Apostle St. John was admitted to the vision wherein he saw no temple, "for the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY and the LAMB are the temple thereof.

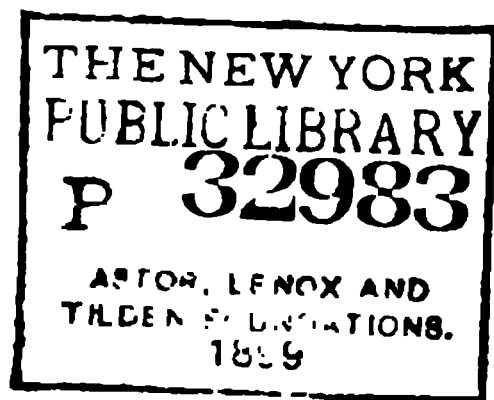
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OFFERTORIES TO BE MADE ANNUALLY.

1. Diocesan Assessment.
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COMMITTEES TO SIT DURING RECESS.

COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE PRAYER BOOK.

The Rev. Messrs. Weller, Scott, Thackara and Carter—Messrs. Fairbanks, Daniel, D. S. Walker and Yonge.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CANONS.

The Rev. Messrs. Carter, Ward, Roote and Weller, and Messrs. Fairbanks, Daniel and Foster.



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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 7th, 1884.

According to appointment of the last Annual Council fixing this date and place for the meeting of the Forty-first Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Florida, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled with the Bishop in St. John's Church, at 11 o'clock, a. m.. The Morning Prayer and Litany were said by the Rev. H. B. Stuart-Martin of the Halifax River Mission, the Rev. C. S. Williams, of St. Mark's Church, Palatka, and the Rev. C. M. Sturges, of the Church of our Saviour, Mandarin. The Bishop then proceeded with the celebration of the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., of Christ Church, Pensacola.

Immediately after the service the Bishop called the Council to order and the Secretary being absent, appointed the Rev. C. M. Sturges, Secretary *pro tem.*, to whom he furnished the following list of Clergy entitled to seats:

LIST OF CLERGY

ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE COUNCIL.

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., LL. D.,
The Rev. OWEN P. THACKARA,
The Rev. REGINALD H. WELLER, D. D.,
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The Rev. FRANCIS J. CLAYTON.

DEACONS.

The Rev. BROOKE G. WHITE,
The Rev. CHARLES H. B. TURNER,
The Rev. R. H. WELLER, Jr.,
The Rev. J. R. BALLARD,

Of these the following answered to their names :

The Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., LL. D.,
The Rev. O. P. Thackara,
The Rev. E. Roote,
The Rev. W. H. Carter, D. D., LL. D., Ph. D.,
The Rev. H. B. Stuart-Martin,
The Rev. C. S. Williams,
The Rev. C. S. Snowden,
The Rev. C. M. Sturges,

The Rev. William Willson,
 The Rev. J. R. Gray,
 The Rev. John Blyman,
 The Rev. F. R. Holeman,
 The Rev. Edward L. Drown,
 The Rev. Francis J. Clayton,
 The Rev. C. H. B. Turner.

The Rev. Dr. Carter and the Rev. Mr. Roote, were appointed a committee to examine and report upon the credentials of Lay deputies, and presented the following list of Lay deputies entitled to seats in the Council :

San Mateo, St. Matthews—W. R. DeWitt, M. D.
 Crescent City, Holy Comforter—Henry Hutchinson.
 Gainesville, Trinity Church—W. C. Miller, C. O. Hampton.
 Tallahassee, St. John's Church—Robert Walker, D. S. Walker, J. S. Winthrop, P. Houston.
 Palatka, St. Mark's Church—G. E. Hawes, M. D., James Burt, J. H. Hilliard, W. O. Woltz.
 Pensacola, Christ Church—A. E. Maxwell, C. C. Yonge, Sr., John C. Avery, Wm. K. Hyer.
 Fernandina, St. Peter's Church—Henry E. Dotterer, Samuel Swann, George R. Fairbanks, Robert S. Schuyler.
 Cedar Key, Christ Church—C. B. Rogers, A. Kilemine, J. J. Croswell, J. E. Risley.

The roll of Lay Deputies being called the following were found present :

W. R. DeWitt, M. D., Henry Hutchinson, W. C. Miller, C. O. Hampton, Robert Walker, D. S. Walker, J. S. Winthrop, P. Houston, G. E. Hawes, M. D., James Burt, C. C. Yonge, Sr., George R. Fairbanks.

The Bishop announced the Council organized.

On motion Judge J. T. Copeland was admitted to a seat in Council as a deputy from Grace Mission, Orange Park.

The election of the Secretary being the next business in order the Rev. Mr. Snowden and Mr. Henry Hutchinson, were ap-

pointed Tellers, and the Council proceeded to the election by ballot, resulting in the re-appointment of the Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D. Through their President Hon. D. S. Walker, an invitation was extended to the members of the Council by the Library Board of the University, to visit their rooms and use the privileges thereof.

Invitations were also received for receptions after the services on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, and on Saturday afternoon, from Dr. G. W. Betton, Mr. John S. Winthrop, Mr. J. R. Bradford and Hon. D. S. Walker.

On motion, all these invitations were accepted, and the thanks of the Council returned to those extending them.

On motion the Council took a recess until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

EVENING SERVICES.

At 8 p. m. Evening Prayer was said in St. John's Church, by the Rev. William Willson, of Cedar Key, the Rev. Brooke G. White, of Jacksonville, and the Rev. A. W. Knight, of Crescent City. The Council sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. Ward, of Maitland, from the text, Luke vii, 22, "Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way and tell John what things ye have seen and heard."

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, May 8, 9.30 A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the first day's proceedings were read and approved.

In addition to those present yesterday, the following clergy answered to their names, viz: The Rev. C. W. Ward, Rev. S. B. Carpenter, Rev. A. W. Knight, Rev. C. W. Apple, Rev. R. H. Weller, Rev. Brooke G. White.

The Committee on Credentials presented the certificates of the following lay deputies:

St. Mary's Church, Milton—W. E. Anderson, J. E. Creary, H. P. Wright.

St. John's Church, Jacksonville—J. J. Daniel, C. B. Benedict, D. G. Ambler, A. Doggett.

Trinity Church, St. Augustine—George Burt, G. W. Gibbs.

St. Paul's Church, Key West—W. D. Cash, L. W. Bethel, John Williams.

Christ Church, Monticello—W. C. Bird, J. H. Tucker.

Of these there were present, Messrs. C. B. Benedict, D. G. Ambler, G. W. Gibbs.

An invitation was received from Messrs. Clark & Purvis for the Council to make an excursion to their new settlement at Schidz-u-o-ka, on Lake Jackson, to-morrow afternoon, when it was

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted, and the thanks of the Council be extended to Messrs. Clark & Purvis.

The Bishop announced the following Standing Committees of the Council:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH—The Rev. Messrs. Scott, Holeman, Drown, and Messrs. Hawes, Hutchinson and Swann.

ON CANONS—The Rev. Messrs. Carter, Ward and Route, and Messrs. Fairbanks, Daniel and Foster.

ON FINANCE—Messrs. Ambler, Yonge and Benedict, and Rev. Messrs. Sturges, Martin and Gray.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—The Rev. Messrs. Snowden and Knight, and Messrs. Hutchinson and Burt.

ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—The Rev. Messrs. Carter, Weller and Apple.

ON ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES—The Rev. Messrs. Williams, White and Carpenter, and Messrs. Hawes, Swann and Copeland.

The Bishop called for the reading of the Parochial and Missionary reports, which were read by the clergy presenting them.

The Bishop read his annual address (appendix A), which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, excepting so much thereof as refers to the University of the South, which, on motion, was referred to a special committee.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, which was referred to the Committee on Canons.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

To the Secretary of the Council of the Diocese of Florida:

SIR: In compliance with the requirements of Article 9 of the Constitution, I would hereby officially make known, through you, to the Council of the Diocese of Florida, that the following alterations of the Constitution of the Church are proposed, to-wit: those comprised in the two resolutions subjoined, said resolutions having been constitutionally adopted by a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., in October, A. D. 1883, to-wit:

I. It was, by concurrent action of the two Houses of the Convention (*vide* Journal of Convention, pp. 240, 263, 279, 280.)

Resolved, That Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution be amended by substituting the words "House of Deputies" for the word "Convention" in the fourteenth line of Article 2 of the Constitution as printed

in the Digest of 1880, and that the words "House of Deputies" be, in like manner, substituted for the word "Convention" in the twelfth line of Article 3, as printed above;

So that the Articles shall read as follows.—

ARTICLE 2.

The Church in each Diocese shall be entitled to a representation of both the Clergy and the Laity. Such representation shall consist of not more than four Clergymen and four Laymen, communicants in this Church, residents in the Diocese, and chosen in the manner prescribed by the Convention thereof; and in all questions when required by the Clerical or Lay representation from any Diocese, each Order shall have one vote; and the majority of suffrages by Dioceses shall be conclusive in each Order, provided such majority comprehend a majority of the Dioceses represented in that Order. The concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the House of Deputies. If the Convention of any Diocese should neglect or decline to appoint Clerical Deputies, or if they should neglect or decline to appoint Lay Deputies, or if any of those of either Order appointed should neglect to attend, or be prevented by sickness or any other accident, such Diocese shall nevertheless be considered as duly represented by such Deputy or Deputies as may attend, whether Lay or Clerical. And if, through the neglect of the Convention of any of the Churches which shall have adopted or may hereafter adopt this Constitution, no Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, should attend at any General Convention, the Church in such Diocese shall nevertheless be bound by the acts of such Convention.

ARTICLE 3.

The Bishops of this Church, when there shall be three or more, shall, whenever General Conventions are held, form a separate House, with a right to originate and propose acts for the concurrence of the House of Deputies composed of Clergy and Laity; and when any proposed act shall have passed the House of Deputies, the same shall be transmitted to the House of Bishops, who shall have a negative thereupon; and all acts of the Convention shall be authenticated by both Houses. And in all cases the House of Bishops shall signify to the House of Deputies their approbation or disapprobation (the latter with their reasons in writing), within three days after the proposed act shall have been reported to them for concurrence, and, in failure thereof, it shall have the operation of a law. But until there shall be three or more Bishops, as aforesaid, any Bishop attending a General Convention shall be a member *ex officio*, and shall vote with the Clerical Deputies of the Diocese to which he belongs; and a Bishop shall then preside.

II. It was by concurrent action of the two Houses of Convention (*vide* Journal of Convention, pp. 130, 273, 274, 300–303.)

Resolved, That Article 4 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "and" in the third line of said Article, and inserting in place thereof the words following :

" *Provided*, That when a Missionary Jurisdiction shall be organized as a Diocese, the Bishop of such Jurisdiction shall become the Bishop of the new Diocese; and

" *Provided*, further, That, when a part of a Missionary Jurisdiction shall be organized as a Diocese, the Bishop of such Jurisdiction shall become the Bishop of the new Diocese, or, at his election, remain the Bishop of that part of such Jurisdiction not included in the new Diocese;" and leaving the residue of the said Article to stand as an independent paragraph; so that the Article shall read as follows :

ARTICLE 4.

The Bishop or Bishops in every Diocese shall be chosen agreeably to such rules as shall be fixed by the Convention of that Diocese; *Provided*, That, when a Missionary Jurisdiction shall be organized as a Diocese, the Bishop of such Jurisdiction shall become the Bishop of the new Diocese; and *Provided*, further, That, when a part of a Missionary Jurisdiction shall be organized as a new Diocese, the Bishop of such Jurisdiction shall become the Bishop of the new Diocese, or, at his election, remain the Bishop of that part of such Jurisdiction not included in the new Diocese.

Every Bishop of this Church shall confine the exercise of his Episcopal Office to his proper Diocese, unless requested to ordain, or confirm, or perform any other act of the Episcopal Office in another Diocese by the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have this day hereunto affixed my name.

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS,

Secretary of the House of Deputies.

MEDFORD, MASS., April 14, 1884.

The Secretary also presented the Eighth Annual Report of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.

Again, and for the eighth time, the Diocesan Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, comes before this Council and holds up for its inspection, the picture of its work for the last twelve months. It is very pleasant to show that, through the Divine blessing, this is, *statistically* one of the

brightest we have presented. The other record, underlying this, though more difficult to paint has many cheerful lights. The officers of the Branch Societies have been zealous and efficient as their work will show. Those who have been able to continue in the field, through the sultriness of the day are, we gratefully note, growing stronger year by year. Their foundations are being laid wide and deep in the everlasting love of the Great Head of the Church. The Branch at St. John's, Jacksonville, in the loving spirit of Missions, sent out six boxes, enabling the weak points that desired its aid, to brighten the glad Christmas-time, for those less favored. It also contributed to its own three Missions, and to the St. Philip's colored Sunday-school. If the Sister-Branches who can—would emulate this love, and illumine even one poor Mission point with the sunshine of Christmas-pleasures, what joy would be theirs, as missionaries of the Holy Child Jesus, to know that they had left behind them, something of His own very presence? This "communicative joy" will become the life long morning of our souls, an habitual sunrise, out of which true worship and service grow.

Among the shadows, we see that a few of the original branches, have felt their disability to keep up with the work. We miss them and wish they would lean more upon us in their feebleness. Here permit us to speak one gentle word in behalf of systematized action and urge it upon this Woman's Association, we see the strength and power of co-operative effort, as we look at the small offerings among those in our Treasurer's Report; and, can we but marvel at the summary?

We also gratefully report that the Auxiliary has been strengthened by new branches, formed at the Missions on the Halifax River, San Mateo and Welaka.

Though coming to us shrinkingly, let these organizations feel that they help us much by their prayers and sympathy. Indeed, may we not believe that "it was the prayer after all, that brought the blessing, and did the work, as the gift was so very small." Are not all these many good reasons for encouragement? And yet in reviewing the work of the past year, the power of the Auxiliary to aid, has been wholly inadequate to the demands upon it. How then shall we meet the increasing appeals to us, for the ministrations of the Church in the new fields constantly opening?

Let us dear Sisters, arm ourselves with a deeper consecration and a stronger love and earnestness, and then shall we be panoplied for the great work given us to do. Then "God for His wage may give us—not coin, but a golden crown."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. SWART,
Miss H. R. PARKHILL,
Mrs. J. H. BURTON,
Diocesan Committee.

Mary R. S. Burton, Diocesan Treasurer Woman's Auxiliary Society for Missions in Florida, in account with C. B. Benedict, Treasurer Diocese of Florida, 1883—1884. Amounts received.

From—

St. John's Church, Jacksonville.....	\$777 89
St. John's Church, Tallahassee.....	70 85
Grace Church, Ocala.....	7 80
St. Peter's Church, Fernandina	110 00
St. Mark's Church, Palatka.....	56 75
St. Mary's Church, Milton.....	89 55
Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City.....	41 27
Trinity Church, Gainesville.....	14 90
St. Paul's Church, Key West.....	89 86
Christ Church, Monticello.....	24 90
Christ Church, Pensacola.....	25 75
Trinity Church, St. Augustine	149 03
St. Mark's Mission, Halifax River.....	9 00
St. James' Sunday-school, Lake City.....	4 75
St. Mary's Sunday-school, Cedar Creek.....	2 55
St. Matthew's Mission, San Mateo.....	2 52

Total.....\$1,427 37

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. S. BURTON, Treasurer.

On motion,

Resolved, That the changes of the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, made at the last General Convention, be referred to the Special Committee, to be appointed by the President, to report at the next meeting of the Council.

The Rev. Mr. Sturges, Missionary at Mandarin, presented the application of that Mission to be admitted into union with the Council as an organized Parish—referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

The Secretary of the Executive Board of the Diocese, presented the Annual Report of that Board, as follows :

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE DIOCESE.

The Board met at the residence of the Bishop, in Jacksonville, on the 19th day of December. Consent was given the Rector and Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Tampa, to make a sale of one of the two town lots belonging to the Parish, to aid in erecting a Church building. Consent was also given to Mr. Brooke G. White, in charge of St. Philip's Mis-

sion for the colored people in Jacksonville, to erect a residence upon part of one of the two lots connected with the Mission, upon conditions provided by the Board.

R. H. WELLER, Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE, May 6th, 1884.

The Rev. S. B. Carpenter, presented the application of St. Mary's Mission, at Daytona, to be admitted into union with the Council, as an organized Parish. Referred to Committee on New Parishes.

The Rev. C. W. Ward, presented an application from St. Luke's Mission at Orlando, to be admitted into union with the Council, as an organized Parish. Referred to Committee on New Parishes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of Canon VI, as requires that all payments by the Treasurer shall be on the order of the Bishop or the President of the Standing Committee, be stricken out. This resolution was laid over, under the Canons, until to-morrow.

The Bishop appointed as the Special Committee on the University of the South, the Rev. C. S. Williams and Mr. G. R. Fairbanks, and as Special Committee to consider the proposed changes in the Prayer Book, by the action of the General Convention—the Deputies to the last General Convention.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your Committee respectfully report the following unfinished business of the Fortieth Annual Council, on p. 23, of the Journal.

“*Resolved*, That so much of the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, as relates to recommending the Clergy to influence the instruction of the colored people in their several jurisdictions, by means of their colored teachers and preachers, be considered a matter for special report at the next Council

“*Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested at a suitable time before the Council, to notify the clergy to make special reports to him as to the results of their efforts in this direction. That the same be made the subject of a special report by the Bishop to the next Council.”

C. S. SNOWDEN, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock, a. m.

EVENING SERVICES.

At 8 o'clock a short selected service was said by the Rev. Dr. Carter, Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee, and Missionary addresses were made by the Rev. C. A. Apple, the Rev. C. S. Williams, the Rev. S. B. Carpenter, and the Rev. E. L. Drown.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, May 9, 9:30 A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his report which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MAY 7TH, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Received on account of the Diocesan Fund balance carried over.....	\$ 803 18	
From Assessments.....	1,182 50—	
Total.....		\$1,985 68
Received on account of Missions, balance carried over.....	489 89	
From the Woman's Auxiliary Society.....	1,437 27	
From St. John's Sunday-School, Jacksonville, special contribution.....	50 00	
From the children of Wm. E. Anderson, Blackwater, Florida.....	25 00	
From other sources.....	325 29	
On account of Jewish Missions.....	2 80	
On account of Colored Missions.....	1 00—	
Total.....		2,381 25
Received on account of the University of the South, For a special building fund.....	262 50	
For the Theological Department.....	301 11—	
Total.....		563 61
Received on account of the fund for Infirm and Disabled Clergymen.....		28 00
Total Receipts.....		<u>4,908 54</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid out on account of the Diocesan Fund to the Rt. Rev. J. Freeman Young.....	605 00	
Dues to the General Convention.....	90 00	
Printing Journal of Council.....	115 00	
Paid the Secretary, Rev. R. H. Weller.....	30 00	
Other expenses.....	16 80—	
Total.....		856 80

Paid on account of Missions to Missionaries.....	1,883 00	
For printing.....	6 75—	
Total.....		1,889 75
Paid out on account of the University of the South,		
For special building fund.....	262 50	
For the Theological Department.....	206 05—	
Total.....		468 55
Total Disbursements.....		<u>2,215 10</u>
Balance on hand in favor of the Diocesan Fund.....	1,128 88	
In favor of Missions.....	441 50	
In favor of the University of the South.....	95 06	
In favor of Fund for Infirm and Disabled Clergy...	28 00—	
Total Balance on hand to date.....		1,693 44
In addition I hold Rt. Rev. J. Freeman Young's Bond for.....	\$2,634 00	
Five Madison county Bonds with coupons, amounting to.....	538 00	
W. K. Beard's note for.....	1,444 31	
D. B. McGinnis' note for.....	512 00	
Total.....		<u>\$5,128 31</u>

In connection with this report Mr. President, I would respectfully call the attention of the members of this Council to the fact, that the amount paid for Diocesan expenses falls short of the amount raised last year. That three Parishes and Missions have paid only in part, and fourteen have paid nothing at all of the assessments made by the Council of 1883. I trust you will pardon me, when I say, would it not be well, while we preach sound doctrine, to practice sound morals. I hold these assessments are obligations we are bound in honor to meet. On the other hand it is gratifying to report a slight increase in the contributions for Diocesan Missions, I trust it is an evidence of an increased interest that is being awakened to this most important branch of the Church work. While there is an increase in the amount raised over last year, yet how little, how very small the sum, commensurate with the mighty work the Church is called upon to accomplish, in this fast growing Diocese. Appeals come to us from all parts of the State, begging that Missionaries be sent them, so that they may enjoy the privileges of the Church, yet these calls are allowed to go unheeded, because of an empty treasury. A portion of the time during the past year, the Board of Missions were without funds to pay the beggarly stipends, to the few faithful, self-denying Missionaries now in the field. If each Layman throughout this Diocese, would give of the ability God has blessed him, this fund could be doubled, tripled; yes, increased to five times its present proportions. Let it not be said to our shame, that while the State is growing in wealth and prosperity, the Church is growing poorer. It is to be sincerely hoped that this Council will not close its deliberations until some well organized plan is adopted, by which this important work may be systematically carried on. Now is the all auspicious moment, the growth and stability

of the Church depends just now with what zeal and vigor this Missionary work is carried on. Ours is wholly and most emphatically a Missionary Diocese. Let it be the aim and object of one and all, by God's blessing, to push forward the glorious work, and the day is not far distant, when it will be our privilege to know and feel that the Diocese of Florida is one of the strongest and most influential in the land.

C. B. BENEDICT, Treasurer.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes made its report, which was on motion, received and its recommendations adopted.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes respectfully report as follows:

That the congregation of St. Luke's, at Orlando, has complied with Canonical requirements, and applied for admission into union with the Council. The committee unanimously recommend that it be admitted.

That the congregation of St. Mary's, at Daytona, has complied with Canonical requirements, and applied for admission into union with the Council. The committee unanimously recommend that it be admitted.

That the congregation of the Church of Our Savior at Mandarin, has developed a parochial strength and character, warranting its application for admission into union with the Council. The committee unanimously recommend that it be admitted.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

B. G. WHITE,

S. B. CARPENTER,

SAMUEL A. SWANN,

G. E. HAWES,

J. T. COPELAND.

The Committee on Credentials presented the names of Messrs. C. W. Jacocks, W. H. Holden and E. R. Spier, as duly appointed to represent St. Luke's Church, Orlando.

Mr. D. G. Ambler, called up his amendment to Canon VI, of which notice was given yesterday, which was adopted, as follows:

Strike out the first paragraph of Canon VI, and insert instead thereof:

"A Treasurer of the Diocese shall be elected annually. It shall be his duty to receive and disburse all monies collected under authority of this Council, of which the collection and disbursement shall not otherwise be regulated.

"He shall forward in due time, to the Treasurer of the General Convention the amount assessed upon the Diocese for the contingent expense of the General Convention."

The Finance Committee made its report as follows :

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Right Reverend John F. Young, Presiding :

Your committee respectfully report that they have examined the report of the Treasurer for the fiscal year ending May 7th, 1884, and after a careful comparison with the books and vouchers, find the same correct in all respects.

We find the total receipts to be.....	\$4,908 54
And the total disbursements to be.....	8,215 10
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And that there is now on hand	\$1,698 44

We would recommend that the report of the Treasurer be approved and adopted.

We note with extreme satisfaction the success achieved by the Woman's Auxiliary Society, and would especially call attention to the marked increase in the sum raised by their efforts.

In 1881 to 1882, they raised.....	\$1,218 51
In 1882 to 1883, they raised.....	1,262 52
In 1883 to 1884, they come with.....	1,437 27

We can but say that if all others did as well we should have little occasion to deplore deficiencies.

We also note an improvement in the sum contributed in aid and support of the University of the South, and while by no means what it should be, it is gratifying to see an improvement.

Your committee feel it their duty to call the attention of the Council to the fact that the assessments made for the support of the Diocesan fund, and ratified by the Council, are obligations that we are in honor bound to pay, and that the expenses of the Diocese cannot be met unless the assessments are paid in full.

That of the assessments made by the Council of 1883, the following have only been paid in part: St. John's, Tallahassee; St. James, Lake City.

That the following have not been paid at all: Trinity, St. Augustine; St. Paul's, Key West; St. Luke's, Marianna; Trinity, Apalachicola; Christ, Monticello; Mission at Sanford; St. Mary's, Green Cove; Grace, Ocala; Mission at Santa Fe; St. Mary's, Madison; Mission, Lake Eustis; St. Margaret's, Hibernia.

Your committee, after canvassing thoroughly the financial ability of each Parish and Mission, would submit for your approval the following schedule of assessments:



OF THE DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.

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Trinity, St. Augustine.....	\$ 100 00
St. John's, Tallahassee,.....	100 00
St. Paul's Key West.....	240 00
St. John's, Jacksonville.....	400 00
St. James, Lake City.....	20 00
St. Mary's, Milton.....	40 00
St. Luke's, Marianna.....	20 00
Trinity, Apalachicola.....	20 00
Christ, Pensacola.....	240 00
St. Mark's Palatka.....	115 00
St. Peter's, Fernandina.....	125 00
Christ, Monticello.....	30 00
Trinity, Gainesville.....	40 00
Maitland Mission.....	20 00
Sanford Mission.....	20 00
Tampa Mission.....	10 00
Longwood Mission.....	10 00
Orlando Mission.....	25 00
Holy Cross Mission	} 5 00
Margaretta Mission	
St. Mathew's, San Mateo.....	13 50
Holy Comforter, Crescent City.....	13 50
Grace, Orange Park.....	15 00
Christ, Cedar Key.....	50 00
Church of Our Savior, Mandarin.....	20 00
St. Mary's, Green Cove.....	20 00
Grace, Ocala.....	40 00
Santa Fe Mission.....	5 00
St. Mary's, Madison.....	20 00
Federal Point Mission.....	13 00
Lake Eustis Mission.....	20 00
St. Margaret, Hibernia.....	10 00
St. Mark's, Daytona.....	15 00
Fort George Mission.....	20 00
DeLand Mission.....	10 00
Holy Communion, Fulton.....	20 00
All Saint's Mission, Fairbanks.....	10 00
St. Paul's, Waldo.....	10 00
Melrose Mission.....	5 00
St. Philip's, Jacksonville	25 00
St. Mary's Mission.....	5 00

Making a total of..... \$1,820 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. G. AMBLER, Chairman.
C. B. BENEDICT,
JOSEPH R. GRAY,
H. B. STUART-MARTIN,
C. M. STURGES,
C. C. YONGE, SR,

NOTE.—These assessments are not made upon the basis of any particular sum for each communicant, but upon the ability of each Parish and Mission, as a whole, to pay.

It was

Resolved, That the matter of delinquent Parishes be referred to a special committee.

The Bishop appointed as such committee, Messrs. Yonge and Fairbanks, and the Rev. Mr. Weller.

The Committee on the University of the South made its report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The Committee on the University of the South, respectfully report:

The importance of the University of the South, and especially of the Theological Department, lies in the pressing needs of the Dioceses for which it proposes to provide. Young men of the South must be depended on to fill up the clerical ranks, and most fitly should be educated here. No argument is needed for what is self-evident. It is but the carrying out of the universally accepted idea of a native ministry. Nothing is more indispensable to ministerial success than that one know the people, be in social habit as one with them. He can adapt himself to their peculiarities, for in a general sense they are his peculiarities. For the most part, the ten Dioceses must and ought to depend on the home supply for candidates for the ministry. Not a word is necessary respecting the efficiency of the University. Surely all will say that she must not be permitted to languish for the want of a few dollars. When we think of the numerous colored population in connection with the white, both rapidly increasing, can we hesitate to give liberally and constantly to the support of the Institution whose grand function it is to train men for the vast work opening before us, nay, expanding as we prosecute it? Let the situation so full of responsibility appeal to the children of God.

The Theological department embraces a dean, the Rev. Dr. Hodgson, and three professors, Doctors Wilmer and DuBose, and the Rev. Mr. Gaylor, with lectures by the Bishop of Florida and others gratuitously given. The Dean generously relinquishes all claim for salary.

The beautiful and costly stone building, St. Luke's Hall, was the generous gift of that noble Christian woman, Mrs. Manigault, of South Carolina. An ample library has been provided, and a refectory has been established where the theological students are provided with board at the least expense.

There are therefore only three professors to be provided for, whose salaries must necessarily devolve upon the Dioceses until their Chairs are endowed.

The salaries of these professors, and the amount necessary for contin-

gent expenses, in all amount to about five thousand dollars. The Board of Trustees made an apportionment among the ten Dioceses connected with the University according to their supposed relative strength. The amount allotted to this Diocese for the year ending August 1st, 1884, was \$350. Up to this date, so far as shown by the reports the sum of \$155.88 has been contributed, leaving still to be raised \$194.12 to make good our apportionment. The sum contributed has been given as follows: from St. John's, Jacksonville, \$42.00; St. Mark's, Palatka, \$40.00; St. Peter's, Fernandina, \$30.00; Christ Church, Pensacola, \$38.88; Fort George Mission, \$4.98.

We attribute the fact that a large amount has not already been contributed to the circumstance that many of the clergy are not familiar with the connection between the University and this Diocese, the want of information and lateness of notice. We trust that before this Council adjourns its members will give an assurance that so far as in them lies the deficiency shall be made up at once.

We cannot believe that the Church in this Diocese is unwilling to sustain the pledges made on its behalf by the Trustees, or is indifferent to the claims of the University.

To no one of the Dioceses, perhaps, is the University in its literary and theological departments of greater importance than to our own. In the first place let us realize the fact that it is our own institution. We have an equal ownership in its very considerable property, an equal control over its affairs, our Bishop and other Trustees elected by the Council constitute an equal portion of its governing power.

The Institution affords to the Church people of this Diocese that most invaluable privilege of placing their sons in a school founded upon Christian training, the association of learning and religion, so that when our children leave the parental roof, and the Parish church and school, they pass on to a continuance and perhaps higher degree of religious privileges and social influences, guarded by the laws of the University and the laws of the land from the temptations and opportunities to dissipation which beset the path of youth in most of our cities and towns where secular institutions of learning are located.

Health, pleasure, strength and learning combined in the pure mountain air of Sewanee, to train our sons under Godly influences to become what we should most desire them to be, *Christian gentlemen*.

The Literary Department of the University is self-supporting.

For the support of the Theological Department we should cheerfully and gladly do our share.

The resolution of the Council last year provided that a special collection be made in each Parish and Mission Station on some Sunday in

March of each year for this object. We know of no better plan. If carried out by the clergy the amount needed will be readily raised.

We offer only the following as an additional resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary, at the time he forwards the notice of the standing resolution, also furnish each clergyman with a package of envelopes inscribed, "For the support of the Theological Department of the University of the South," with a request that the same be distributed and previous notice given of such collection.

C. S. WILLIAMS,
G. R. FAIRBANKS.

The following annual report of the Diocesan Board of Missions was received, and with the accompanying resolution, adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Diocesan Board of Missions, in making its report to the Forty-first Annual Council, presents a brief review of the organized work of Diocesan Missions, with some suggestions and proposed Canonical action to vitalize and increase the usefulness of the Board.

The first organized work for the support of Diocesan Missions, originated at a meeting of the Bishop and Standing Committee for consultation in February, 1876. A committee was appointed to draft a scheme for bringing into active duty, in this field, the efforts of the earnest women of the Church. At an adjourned meeting, "The plan of the Woman's Auxiliary Society for Missions," was presented and adopted. The first Diocesan officers of the society appointed were Mrs. Henrietta Swart, Directress; Mrs. Mary R. Burton, Treasurer; and Miss Harriett R. Parkhill, Secretary. These ladies cheerfully accepted the trust confided to them, and have continued ever since, with unflagging zeal, and a courage undaunted by difficulties, to devote their time and active labor to the success of the society. To their faith and efforts is due, very largely, the support and extension of our Missions.

The Society begun its labors in April, 1876, and its first Annual Report in May, 1877, showed receipts amounting to \$1,608.74. The second Annual Report, May, 1878, gave \$1,245.48; third, 1879, \$927.85; fourth, 1880, \$1,167.95; fifth, 1881, \$1,330.39; sixth, 1882, \$1,228.51; seventh, 1883, \$1,262.01; eighth, 1884, \$1,437.27. Making a total for eight years, of \$10,209.18, an average of \$1,276.14½ per annum.

We cannot express too strongly our appreciation of the faithful services of those daughters of the Church, who, as officers and members, of the Diocesan and branch societies, have so earnestly labored for the estab-

lishment and extension of our missionary work. They have, next to God's blessings; been our main reliance and support, and humanly speaking, without their exertions, the work must have greatly languished. And yet we feel that a great deal more can be accomplished by increased efforts and systematic work. The results would have been far greater, however, had there been that general interest and co-operation in all the Parishes and Missions which was expected, and is rightfully due. A few have done all. The majority have been idle. Active efforts in all would result in more than doubling our Missionary force.

Feeling their responsibility, and both the ability and pressing needs of the Diocese, the Board issued, at the beginning of the past Lenten season, an earnest appeal, a copy of which is attached as a part of this report. The appeal was freely distributed through every Parish and Mission, and to the scattered members of the Church, outside of them. Its results, if any, will be shown by the reports of the parishes and missions, made to this Council. May the Great Head of the Church, give to us all, a more heartfelt interest, and larger liberality for sustaining this, the chief claim upon the people of the Diocese—its Missionary work.

The Board has labored through the past year, under two serious difficulties, which for the benefit of its successors, it submits to the Council, for consideration. First, its members have been so widely scattered, that its meetings have been irregular, and never full. Whether or not, the Board should be differently constituted, the wisdom of the Council will decide. The other difficulty is of prime importance and should be promptly removed by canonical action. The amendment of Canon XVII, at the last Council, transferring the Missionary work from the Standing Committee, to a separate Board, failed to define the powers of the Board. The Standing Committee has definite powers under general and Diocesan Canons. Every committee appointed for specific duty from Council to Council has its position and duty definitely outlined. This Board is an exception. We respectfully submit, that this Canon should be so amended as to define the powers and duties of the Board. What these powers and duties should be rests with the judgment of the Council.

In the judgment of this Board the extension and growth of our Missions would be greatly aided by the appointment of a General Missionary or Missionary at Large, and the districting of the Diocese into Missionary Convocations. The first would stimulate the interest in, and contributions to the work, in established parishes and Missions, encourage, by visits and services, the scattered members of the Church who are deprived of its privilege, and open up the way for the settled Missionary to follow him. The second, would extend and strengthen the Church by bringing the united force of the resident clergy to bear upon the vacant and promising points within the limits of the Convocation, and

by intercourse among the clergy, invigorating the work. As both these propositions, if adopted, will require canonical action, we submit the annexed form of proposed canons to the consideration of the Council.

The Board reports that it has promptly paid, quarterly, up to the 1st of April last, when its fiscal year closed, the stipend of every Missionary nominated by the Bishop, and only regrets that it has not had more Missionaries to provide for, and more funds with which to supply the needs of the earnest and faithful men who are thus serving the Church.

In conclusion we offer the following resolutions for the consideration of the Council.

Resolved, 1st, That the proposed Canons attached to this report, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

Resolved, 2d, That, with the above exception, the report be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. WELLER, President.
J. J. SCOTT,
W. H. CARTER,
CHAS. W. WARD,
C. B. BENEDICT,
E. K. FOSTER.

APPEAL OF THE BOARD OF MISSION.

At a meeting of Diocesan Board of Missions held on 6th inst, the President of the Board, was directed, by unanimous resolution, to address an earnest appeal to the clergy and laity, concerning the condition, present opportunities and pressing needs of our missionary work.

Nowhere, in our whole land, is there a field fairer and more promising for energetic missionary work, or more hopeful in results, than our own Diocese. A vigorous and intelligent population is flowing into every section of the State. At distant points from old centres, where, twelve months ago, were unbroken forests, villages and towns have sprung up, as by magic, counting their inhabitants by hundreds, and in some cases, even by thousands. They bring with them the comforts, cultivation, and refinements of social life. Upon this fact, far-sighted capitalists have seized. Millions of money are being invested in opening up highways for commerce. To advance the material interests of the State every appliance is actively at work.

Facing this call and the opportunities for progress, we are bound to seize upon the duty they present, to reach out to them, with strong arm, the Gospel and the CHURCH OF CHRIST. We have not men enough in the field. Yet, they can be had. Our need is the funds to maintain them. Those employed are working with all the zeal and earnestness of true men, and are scarcely half-sustained. How can we send more? That is the question which we appeal to each and every member of the Church

to help us answer, and thus we are able to answer it. We are lacking in duty to our Blessed Lord, unless we answer it in the fulness of its meaning, and *now*.

But this reference to increasing population, gives but scant measure of our duty. There is a large native population, anxious for religious instruction, and ready to welcome it. We have scarcely touched them. Yet our first duty is to them, and it promises rich results. Then comes, also, an earnest call from dormant parishes unable to sustain themselves, and the weaker missions where the work is but at its beginning. Their call for help must be answered.

What are we doing? The people of the Diocese are contributing about \$1,300, per annum for Missions, within its limits; more than one-half of that sum comes from a single parish. Is this at all commensurate with our Christian faith or duty? Even this small amount would fail us but for the loving and persistent labors of the "Woman's Auxiliary Society," working in but a fractional portion of the Diocese. God bless them, for they are our main-stay.

What ought we, nay, what *must* we do? Lent is the earnest call of the Blessed Lord, through the Church, which is His body, to self-examination, self-denial, and almsgiving. No more fitting object can possibly be presented to us, as parishes, missions, and individuals, for the exercise of these duties, than this of extending and strengthening our Mission Work, so helping others into the peaceful paths of faith and love to God, and blessing our own souls, by vitalizing our Christian life. Faith lives by and in its deeds. We are saved by helping to save others. Consecrated hearts *must* bring consecrated hands and consecrated earnings to God's work. When the spiritual activities are alive, God's treasury will be full. Here is duty, wake up to it. Make it your *special* Lenten duty.

As to methods; our first reliance under God's good guidance, is upon the "Woman's Auxiliary" as always first and most earnest in all good works. Its labors wherever actively engaged in, show the happiest results. In every parish and mission special efforts should be made to signalize this Lenten season, by stimulating the branches already formed, and by forming them where there is none. Each field of its work, however small, should be districted to committees, or collectors; these committees should regularly meet on a fixed day in each month, to make reports, and devise methods for more energetic progress.

Each clergyman should take a special offertory for this purpose before Easter, and urge his people to liberal contributions. But beyond these methods, are there not one hundred prosperous laymen in the Diocese of Florida, who realizing God's blessing on their labors, will cheerfully pledge, each, \$50 per annum for Diocesan Missions? Are there not several hundred more who can promise smaller sums regularly? We

urge you not only to consider this earnestly and prayerfully, but to do it, for the sake of our Blessed Lord.

Our treasury is empty. We must even scale down the small stipends of our missionaries for the present quarter, unless help comes speedily. We must not do that, the doing would disgrace us. Yet that is our smallest need. We must have at least \$5,000, per annum, for Diocesan Missions. Each one of you ought, in the holy fear of God, help to raise it. We *must* reach out to the religious training of our native population and to the teeming incoming immigration, while strengthening work already undertaken. We pray you, brethren, consider and act, and do it promptly, for the need is urgent. To this end we pray that this Holy Season may be specially signalized by our prayers and alms ascending together, as a memorial before God, of hearts that love, and, therefore, labor with consecrated lives and consecrated offerings for the glory of God, and the saving of souls. In behalf of the Board.

R. H. WELLER, President.

JACKSONVILLE, March 10, 1884.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to the next Council a correction, revision, and re-arrangement of the Canons.

Resolved, That the clergy and Laity of the Diocese, desiring changes in the Canons, send their propositions to the above committee for consideration.

It was,

Resolved, That the report of the Finance Committee be referred back to the committee to be amended.

The rules were suspended by unanimous consent, and the Committee on Canons made their report, which was received, and the Canons and amendments attached thereto, on motion, adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the following Canons, respectfully report that they recommend their adoption by the Council.

They further report that the communication from the Secretary of the House of Deputies, referred to them, is reported back to the Council as requiring no action of this committee.

W. H. CARTER,
CHAS. W. WARD,
E. ROOTE,
E. K. FOSTER,
G. R. FAIRBANKS.

Resolved, That Canon XVII shall be amended by adding the following section :

(2.) The Board of Missions shall be a committee of council and advice to the Bishop in the missionary work of the Diocese, and shall have control of all funds raised for Diocesan missions. The missionaries shall be appointed and their stations fixed by the Bishop. Their stipends to be determined by the Bishop, by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Missions.

CANON ———

1. The Diocese shall be divided into four Convocations, which shall be known as the Western, Middle, Eastern and Southern Convocations, the territorial limits of which shall be fixed by the Bishop within thirty days after the passage of this Canon.

2. The Bishop shall appoint, at each annual Council, a Dean for each Convocation, who shall have been canonically resident in the Diocese and a member of the Convocation for at least one year at the time of his appointment.

3. The Dean shall have the power of convening the clergy and laity of the Convocation for missionary purposes at such places and times, not less than twice a year, as he may deem necessary, and shall report the work of his Convocation to the Bishop in writing prior to each annual Council.

CANON ———

Whenever, in the opinion of the Bishop and the Board of Diocesan Missions, it is expedient to have a General Missionary for the Diocese, the Bishop may appoint some priest to the said office for one year, who shall have been canonically resident in the Diocese for at least twelve months. His duties shall be designated and defined by the Bishop, and his salary shall be fixed by the Bishop with the advice and consent of the Board of Missions after the adoption of this Canon.

The Bishop defined the boundaries of the Convocations as follows :

The Western Convocation, all that part of the Diocese west of the Apalachicola river; the Middle Convocation, all that part of the Diocese lying between the Apalachicola river on the west and Suwannee river on the east; the Eastern Convocation, all that part of the Diocese lying east of the Suwannee river and north of the south line of the counties of Levy, Alachua, Putnam and St. Johns; the Southern Convocation, all that part of the Diocese south of the south line of the counties just named.

The Bishop then appointed the following Deans: Of the Western Convocation, the Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., of Christ Church, Pensacola; of the Middle Convocation, the Rev. W. H. Carter, D. D., of St. John's Church, Tallahassee; of the Eastern Convocation, the Rev. O. P. Thackara, of St. Peter's Church, Fernandina, and of the Southern Convocation, the Rev. C. W. Ward, of St. Luke's Church, Orlando.

The Bishop appointed as the Committee on Revision of the Canons, the Rev. Messrs. Carter, Ward and Roote, and Messrs. Fairbanks, Foster and Daniel. The Secretary was, by resolution, added to the committee.

The Rev. Mr. Thackara presented the following

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

May 4th, 1883. The Committee elected by the Council met, and organized by the election of the Rev. O. P. Thackara as President, and the Rev. R. H. Weller as Secretary.

August 2d, 1883. The Committee met in Jacksonville and signed the testimonials of Rev. Albion W. Knight for Priest's orders.

December 19th, 1883. The Committee met in Jacksonville and signed the testimonials of Mr. Brooke G. White for Deacon's orders.

May 8th, 1884. The Committee met in Tallahassee and gave their consent to the consecration of Rev. Wm. J. Boone as Missionary Bishop of Shanghai, and of the Rev. Samuel D. Ferguson as Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas. The Committee also approved of the signing of the testimonials of the Rev. A. A. Watson, D. D., as the Bishop of East North Carolina, by a majority of the Committee, a quorum not being present at the meeting called for the giving consent to the consecration of Dr. Watson.

May 9th, 1884. The Committee signed the testimonials of Mr. Alberto J. Diaz and Mr. Theodore Peraz as candidates for Deacon's orders.

O. P. THACKARA, *President.*

On motion, resolved that the following note be annexed to the schedule attached to the report of the Finance Committee:

"These assessments are not made upon the basis of any particular sum for each communicant, but upon the ability of each Parish and Mission, *on the whole*, to pay."

This Committee presented its report as amended, which was received and adopted.

It was

Resolved, That the next Annual Council of the Diocese be held in Christ Church, Pensacola.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be tendered the Rector, Vestry and parishioners of St. John's Church, Tallahassee, for the large measure of kindness, courtesty and hospitality, extended to its members.

Resolved, That 750 copies of the Journal of this Council be printed and distributed under the direction of the Secretary.

The Council then went into an election of officers.

The Rev. Mr. Snowden and Dr. Dewitt were appointed tellers. The result of the election was as follows :

TREASURER—Mr. C. B. Benedict.

REGISTRAR—Dr. A. S. Baldwin.

STANDING COMMITTEE—*Clerical*—The Rev. Messrs. Thackara, Weller and Williams ; *Lay*—Messrs. Daniel, Benedict and Swann.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—*Lay*—Messrs. W. A. Spence, Benedict and Foster ; *Clerical*—Rev. Messrs. Carter and Sturges.

DIOCESAN BOARD OF MISSIONS—*Clerical*—Rev. Messrs. Scott, Weller, Carter and Ward ; *Lay*—Messrs. Daniel, Benedict and Foster.

The Rev. Mr. White and Mr. Hutchinson were appointed additional tellers, when the election proceeded with the following result :

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION—*Clerical*—Rev. Messrs. Weller, Thackara, Scott and Carter ; *Lay*—Messrs. Fairbanks, Daniel, D. S. Walker and H. E. Dottner.

CHANCELLOR—Hon. L. I. Fleming.

The Council took a recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

FRIDAY, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Council assembled after recess. The tellers announced the election of Deputies to the General Convention, as given at the close of the morning session.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following report, which was received and adopted :

THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH,

To whom was referred the Bishop's Address, the Parochial and Missionary reports, and the report of the Woman's Auxiliary, reported through the Chairman, Rev. J. J. Scott, as follows :

Thirty-one reports from Parishes and Missions have been received, a larger number than for any previous year, and while they indicate an increased amount of work performed and a higher interest in the extending and building up of the Church in the Diocese, yet we find it difficult, from the imperfect manner in which these reports are filled out, to make in all respects a satisfactory tabular exhibit. Many of the heads under which information is required are left blank. We therefore recommend that special attention in every particular be given to the form sent out by the Secretary, which is according to canonical requirement.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary, which is referred to in the Bishop's Address and accompanying reports to Council, we need only say shows most gratifying results and entitles them to the praise of them that do well. We should fail of our appreciation of these daughters of the Church if we did not commend them for their work's sake in behalf of Christ and the Church, and bespeak for them even greater encouragement than they have had throughout our entire borders.

It is with gratitude to our Heavenly Father that your Committee perceive through the documents submitted to them, as well as from other sources of information, a general awakening of a missionary spirit in almost every portion of Florida, and a desire as well to put forth active exertion in this behalf. As we have only a few parishes that can be considered strong, our field of labor is nearly all to be worked as missionary ground. Our predominant work is missionary, and must be so for years to come.

In connection with this aspect of the Diocese we beg to commend the Diocesan paper (CHURCH AND HOME) as an instrument of diffusing information and of easy communication among ourselves. We trust that its circulation may be largely increased in the Diocese.

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, A. D. 1884.

Number of Families	1,348
Persons not so Included	1,006
Total of Persons	6,223
Lay Readers	26
Baptisms—Adults	39
“ —Infants	268
“ —Total.....	302
Confirmed	140
Communicants—Number last Reported	1,531
“ —Admitted.....	140
“ —Added by Removal.....	190
“ —Lost by Removal.....	97
“ —Lost by Death.....	25
“ —Present Number.....	1,994
Marriages	90
Burials	160
Sunday School Teachers	238
Sunday School Scholars	1,869
Parish School Teachers	18
Parish School Scholars	203
Number of Services	3,792
Holy Communion—Times	576

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$174,761 01
Rectory and Grounds	28,570 00
School Property	10,400 00
Other Property	11,885 00
Total of Values	222,516 00
Insurance	66,250 00
Indebtedness	3,285 90

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 22,244 00
Diocesan Assessment	1,880 50
Diocesan Missions	1,730 82
Domestic Missions	151 63
Foreign Missions	138 57
Disabled Clergy Fund	155 40
University of the South	570 61
Communion Alms	782 53
Other Purposes	10,409 05
Total Contributions	39,715 86
Number of Sitzings	6,607

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. SCOTT, Chairman.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. S. B. Carpenter as the Preacher, at the next Council, the Rev. C. E. McDougal, as substitute.

The Committee on delinquent Parishes made its report and was discharged.

It was,

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Weller and White be appointed to revise and perfect the Tabulated statement of the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

EVENING SERVICES.

At 8 o'clock p. m., after short selected service by the Rector of St. John's Church, interesting Missionary addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. Sturges, Snowden and Knight.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, May 10, 9:30 A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The Bishop being absent the Rev. Dr. Scott was called to the chair.

The Trustees of the University of the South, reported as follows :

THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH,

Respectfully Report, that the Institution is going on favorably in all its departments, the number of scholars is steadily increasing, and the beneficial influences of this Church University is extending throughout the Southern Dioceses. Young men who have been educated there are already occupying prominent positions in society and the Church.

The new building for the Department of Chemistry and Natural Science has been completed, and will add greater facilities for instruction in this important department.

We hope the clergy of this Diocese will bring the claims of this Institution before parents and guardians, and diffuse information in regard to it, among their people.

The University, we are satisfied, needs only to be known to be appreciated by the Churchmen in the Diocese, and to receive their cordial support and aid.

C. S. WILLIAMS.

G. R. FAIRBANKS.

The Committee on Christian Education made a verbal report and was discharged. The business of the Council being finished it was,

Resolved, That after the usual devotions, this Council adjourn *sine die*.

The Chairman made a short address, and then called to prayer, after which the Council adjourned.

JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG, S. T. D.,

*Bishop of Florida.*R. H. WELLER, *Secretary.*

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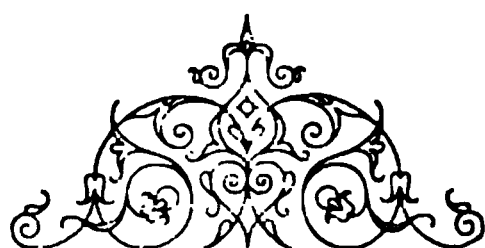
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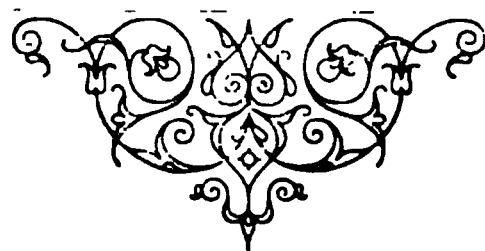
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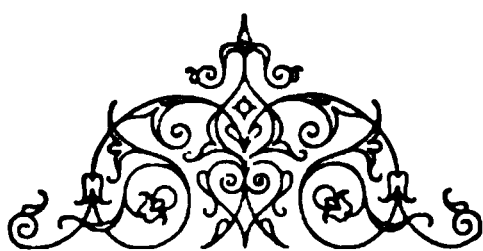
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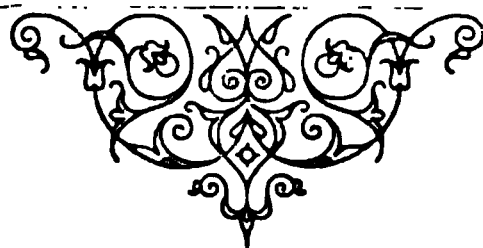
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APPENDIX A.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity :

The lapse of another year brings us again together for mutual counsel and encouragement in our Annual Diocesan Synod.

In my last address the narrative of my official labors was brought up to the day of the meeting of the Council.

On the Sunday after, it being the Sunday after Ascension I advanced to the Priesthood the Rev. Cornelius A. Apple, Deacon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. S. Williams, the candidate presented by the Rev. O. P. Thackara, the clergy generally who were present uniting in the imposition of hands. In the evening of the same day after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Ward, I confirmed *five*.

Monday, May 7th, I visited Christ Church, Monticello, preached and confirmed *five*.

Whit-Sunday I visited Fort George, preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.

Trinity Sunday, I visited St. John's, Jacksonville, preached, celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and confirmed *thirteen*.

On the first Sunday after Trinity, in the morning I consecrated St. Mary's Church, Madison. The sermon was by the Rev. Dr. Carter, who also acted as my chaplain on the occasion. At night I preached and confirmed *four*.

I appointed the second Sunday after Trinity for the visitation of Grace Church, Ocala. But before leaving for that place I received notice that I would not be permitted to enter the town, as a rigid quarantine against Jacksonville had been established on

account of the prevalence of small-pox there, and therefore I did not attempt the visitation.

On the fourth Sunday after Trinity, I assisted in the services in St. John's, Jacksonville, and baptised one infant.

On the Feast of St. John the Baptist, June 25th, I visited St. Mark's Church, Palatka, and after a sermon by the Rector, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist and confirmed *ten*.

July 19th, I left for Sewanee, Tennessee, to attend upon the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, and reached there on the 21st.

On the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, in St. Augustine's Chapel, at Sewanee, I advanced the Rev. Albion W. Knight, Deacon, to the order of Priesthood. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Prof. Gailor, who likewise presented the candidate.

I remained at Sewanee until September 13th, for the recuperation of my enfeebled health, carrying the Department of Liturgics, as usual, in the Theological School of the University during my sojourn there; also preaching and assisting in the services occasionally in St. Augustine's Chapel.

On my way North, at the earnest solicitation of the parties concerned, I stopped a few days in Kentucky, to attend the nuptial festivities of a couple whom I married in Frankfort on the 18th of September.

During the session of the General Convention which convened on the third of October, and continued twenty-one days, I was regularly in my place as a member of the House of Bishops, and of its most important Committee, that on Liturgical Enrichment. I shall not detain you at the present time for any discussion of this very important matter, as my views concerning it were fully set forth in three articles published in the Church Quarterly Review, the first of which appeared in the October number of 1882, and the second and third in the February and March numbers of 1883. It will be better I think, to postpone action as a Diocese, upon the matter till our meeting next before the ensuing General Convention, as the discussion of the subject, which will no doubt be considerable in the meantime, may develop some things that may possibly influence our action.

Some alterations of the Constitution of the General Church have been referred to the Dioceses, which the Secretary will lay before you at the proper time.

During the session of the General Convention, a petition with 258 signatures, came to my hand from Matanzas, Cuba, praying me to take measures for establishing permanently, the Services of the Church in that city. In pursuance of this object I repaired to New York after the adjournment of the General Convention, to attend the meeting of the Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions, and secure if possible, such adequate support for the Rev. Mr. Baez, as would enable me to assign him exclusively to the work in Cuba.

But so very disappointing had been the results of the large appropriation to the work of the Church in Mexico, that the Committee thought it more prudent to defer action as to any further grants of funds for Missionary work amongst the Spanish American race, till after my contemplated visit to Cuba in the near future, and the report of the actual state of things as I might find them there. The result of my observations has been duly chronicled and published in a late number of our Diocesan organ, and has been read, I presume, by you all. I cannot doubt that the requisite appropriation will be made for carrying on so important and encouraging a work by the Foreign Committee whom I purpose to meet again in New York on the 13th inst.

On the same day that I met the Foreign Committee, I attended and presided at a meeting of the Domestic Committee, to whom I presented as forcibly as I was able to do, the claims of the Missionary work of our Diocese upon the Board of Missions for a larger appropriation. The increase asked for at that meeting by different Bishops for their Dioceses respectively, amounted in the aggregate to some fifteen thousand dollars. And as there was no balance in the Treasury, and no certainty that the receipts of the Committee would be sufficient to meet obligations already assumed, it is not to be wondered at that all these applications for increase of stipends were alike refused.

The first service I performed after returning to Florida was

at Panasoffkee, where, on the second Sunday in Advent I said morning prayer and preached, and after service rode to Sumterville, where I said evening prayer and preached, that being the first time, as I was informed, that the services of the Church were ever held there.

On the third Sunday in Advent I officiated in St. Philip's (colored) Church in Jacksonville, baptised two infants, and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.

On Wednesday, the 19th of December, in St. John's Church, Jacksonville, I admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, Mr. Brooke G. White and Mr. Charles H. B. Turner, the former having been transferred to me as a candidate for Orders by the Bishop of North Carolina, and the latter by the Bishop of Albany. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. S. Williams. The candidates were presented by the Rev. R. H. Weller, the Rev. O. P. Thackara being present and assisting in the services.

On the evening of the same day I started upon a visit to Daytona, which I reached on the 21st, after a very fatiguing ride from Enterprise of forty-five miles. The Sunday following I was confined to my room by indisposition, but on the Tuesday following, it being Christmas Day, I was able to preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist in the very neat and appropriate church which had been recently completed there.

On the First Sunday after Christmas I preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Sanford, and confirmed *five*.

On Epiphany, I visited St. Luke's Church, Orlando, and confirmed *nine*. The very cold weather, the windows of the church not having been received, rendered it unsafe to remain in the church for any other services than the Confirmation Office.

On the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany I visited Fort George. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and in the afternoon I conducted a memorial service for the late lamented Rev. Mr. Rand. After an appropriate selected service I made a brief address, and was followed by the Rev. Mr. Turner in an address suited to the occasion.

On Septuagesima Sunday I visited St. Mary's Church, Green

Cove Spring, where the Rev. Dr. Morgan, of New York, at my invitation, preached.

Friday, February 22d, I left home for a visitation of our Missions in the Island of Cuba.

On the evening of Thursday, February 28th, I officiated at Matanzas, on that Island. After Evening Prayer, in Spanish, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Baez, I confirmed a class of *forty-one*.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, in Matanzas, at 8 o'clock in the morning, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Baez, I confirmed *twenty*, making *sixty-one* confirmed in Matanzas. Sunday night I again officiated in Matanzas, and after Evening Prayer and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Baez, I addressed the congregation at some length, my remarks being translated into Spanish by a competent person.

Monday, March 3d, I left Matanzas for Havana, and in the evening of that day officiated in Havana, and after Evening Prayer, and a sermon from Mr. Baez, I confirmed a large and interesting class, nearly all of whom were adults, and one-half men. Tuesday night I officiated again in the same place and preached in English, and after service confirmed several more Cubans, making *fifty-five* in all confirmed in Havana, and *one hundred and sixteen* in Havana and Matanzas.

Wednesday, March 5th, I called on the Governor-General of Cuba, meeting with a most polite and cordial reception. From the Governor's Palace I drove to the house of an American Church family, which has been a resident in Havana for twenty years, to baptize a child a year old.

The Second Sunday in Lent I visited St. Paul's Church, Key West. In the morning I preached, in the afternoon I visited and addressed the colored Sunday-school, and at night I again preached and confirmed *eighteen*, ten being of St. Paul's congregation, and eight of St. John's Cuban congregation.

The Third Sunday in Lent I visited Cedar Key. In the morning I preached, and at night I again preached and confirmed *six*.

Monday, 17th, I went to Rosewood, and after an address by the Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Willson, I preached and confirmed *five*.

Friday, March 21st, I visited the village of Thonotosassa. preached and confirmed *three*.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent I visited St. Andrew's Church, Tampa, preached in the morning and confirmed *six*, and after services reorganized the Mission.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent I visited Trinity Church, St. Augustine. In the morning the Rev. Mr. Aspinwall preached, and at night the Rev. Mr. Drown, after which I confirmed *nine*.

Palm Sunday I visited the Mission at DeLand. In the morning I preached at Beresford, and at night at DeLand.

Wednesday in Holy Week I visited the Church of Our Savior at Mandarin, and at night preached and confirmed *three*.

Easter Day I visited St. Thomas' Church, Eustis. In the morning I preached, celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and confirmed *four*. In the afternoon I attended the Children's Festival and addressed the Sunday-school. Monday I drove to Tavares, eight miles, and confirmed *one* in private.

The First Sunday after Easter I visited Crescent City and preached in the morning. In the afternoon I drove to Welaka, preached and confirmed *three*.

Tuesday, April 22d, I visited the Mission at San Mateo, and at night preached and confirmed *six*.

The Second Sunday after Easter I visited St. Peter's Church, Fernandina. In the morning I preached and confirmed *nine*. In the afternoon, at the Pastor's request, I gave a verbal account of my visit to Cuba.

May 2d, I visited Grace Church, Ocala, and confirmed *one*. Immediately after service I took the train for Orange Lake, and in the afternoon confirmed *four*. Nearly sufficient means for building a church there are now in hand, a fine lot having been given by Mrs. Stewart, near her residence, on which a church is now being built.

The Third Sunday after Easter I visited St. John's Church, Jacksonville. In the morning I celebrated the Holy Communion, and at night confirmed *nineteen*.

Monday, May 5th, I visited St. Mark's Church, Madison, and at night confirmed *three*.

Tuesday, May 6th, I visited Christ Church, Monticello, and at night confirmed *two*.

The Rev. Mr. Drown, late of the Diocese of Massachusetts, who has cast in his lot with us as a fellow-laborer in this portion of the vineyard of the LORD, very kindly accompanied me as my Chaplain and did all the preaching for me in my visits to Ocala, Orange Lake, Jacksonville, morning and night, Madison and Monticello, to my great relief in my wearied condition, and with the greatest acceptableness to all to whom he ministered.

In addition to the aforementioned confirmations, the Bishop of Minnesota, at my request, on the 24th of February last, confirmed *three* in the Church of the Good Shepherd, at Maitland, and on Thursday, of Holy Week, he confirmed *three* colored persons in St. Peter's, Fernandina.

In these visitations, which have occupied nearly all my time for over four months, I have found the condition of the Parishes and Missions in the Diocese, with but few exceptions, prosperous, and promising well for material advancement in the near future. Considerable has been done during the year in church building and furnishing.

At Cedar Key, where the church was placed, when built, in part on a lot not belonging to the Parish, it has been removed on to the church lot, and properly located, with the addition of a commodious chancel and a robing room. At Rosewood a plain building has been secured and fitted up for a church.

At Tampa a very neat and commodious church, with seating capacity for about two hundred, has been completed, and is admirably located.

At Orlando the church has been finished with exceptionally fine windows, as I am informed, with beautiful church furniture made in New York, with a fine bell of over 500 pounds weight, and being already quite too small for the rapidly increasing population of the town. Contracts have been signed for adding to the church one-half its present size.

At Maitland, too, the church has been made complete by the insertion of its beautiful windows and the completion of the church furniture, including a fine Eagle Lectern.

At Sanford, also, the church has been completed, and through the efforts of the Rev. Mr. Carpenter, Rector of the church in Sanford, a fine lot has been secured at Enterprise, and a church built and paid for, at a cost of nearly two thousand dollars.

At DeLand the church was so far completed that the Easter Day services were to be held in it.

At Eustis the church has been occupied for services for some months.

At Palatka a church for the colored people has been built and paid for.

At Green Cove Springs the tower and spire which were badly shattered by lightning last summer, have been repaired, at a cost to the insurance company of nearly eight hundred dollars.

And this reminds me of renewedly impressing upon the Diocese the great importance of keeping constantly insured all our churches and rectories, and of having the lightning clause, in all cases inserted in the policies, as in this climate we are in more danger from lightning than ordinary fires. The burning of the church and rectory in Tallahassee just after the policy of insurance had expired; the burning of the old rectory at St. Augustine under similar circumstances, and the recent burning of the church at Monticello, which I was told was not insured at all, are sufficient admonitions to us touching this matter.

The church at Hibernia has been completed.

At Mandarin a very beautiful church has been completed and paid for, at a cost of some \$2,300.

St. Philip's church, Jacksonville, for colored people, has received its beautiful windows, the principal subject in the east end triplet being the baptism of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Saint Philip.

St. Andrew's church, East Jacksonville, has just been tastefully finished in the interior.

A new church for the colored people has just been erected some six miles from Fulton, on the Lower St. Johns River, by Mr. R. F. Cutting, of New York, the benefactor of that mission.

The church at Fort George has just been made complete by the erection of its beautiful windows.

The new St. Peter's church, at Fernandina, is so far completed as to be comfortably occupied, and will be for a long time one of the finest churches of the Diocese. And in the prosecution of this noble work for God the devoted people of that parish have altogether exceeded their former enviable record. Being but few in number, and having but little of this world's goods, of the \$10,047.90, which has been paid out up to this date for the erection of their church, the congregation of St. Peter's have raised \$9,268.12, only \$779.78 having been received from all outside sources. And while the parish has been bearing this heavy burthen, it has never failed in paying fully its diocesan assessments, its contributions to the Woman's Auxiliary, and has just sent thirty dollars to the Theological Department of the University of the South. If the other parishes of the Diocese were actuated by one-half of the zeal and devotion to the work of God which is the great honor of St. Peter's, Fernandina, the Church in this Diocese, with the blessing of God, would advance with redoubled activity and power.

I am not going to detain you to-day with any extended remarks upon this matter, as I dwelt upon it at length in my last annual address, as well as in those preceeding it for several years. You know, dear brethren, just as well as I, how magnificent are our present and increasing opportunities, and that our responsibilities to the extent of our means keep pace with them. Means are what we most pressingly need for the advancement of the Church. Men, and good men, in abundance can be had without the asking. Besides the eight additional laborers that have been added to our working clerical force since our last meeting, within four months past I have received applications from eleven men desiring work in our Diocese. •

I leave to you, brethren of the Council, the devising of the requisite means to meet our present crisis.

I would again call attention to our duty in the matter of the support of the Theological Department of the University of the South. I received, a few weeks ago, the following note touching this matter, and I hope that before we adjourn our fair proportion of the amount needed will be made up.

SEWANEE, TENN., March 25, :

RIGHT REV. J. F. YOUNG, D. D.

DEAR BISHOP—At the expiration of eight months of our current year ending August 1st, the receipts of our Theological Department reached \$1,200 of the \$5,000 needed.

We are reluctant to go before the Church again with a public exposure of our poverty and an appeal for charity.

Cannot our Trustees spare us the annual repetition of this burden by some exertion in our behalf in their respective Dioceses?

Respectfully,

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Since our last meeting I have transferred the Rev. J. Bicknell to the Diocese of Indiana.

I have received into the Diocese and ordained to the Holy Eucharist the Rev. Brooke G. White, from the Diocese of North Carolina, and the Rev. Chas. H. B. Turner, from the Diocese of Albany.

I have also received into the Diocese by letters dimissory the Rev. Joseph R. Gray from the Bishop of Tennessee, the Rev. John Blyman from the Bishop of Fond du Lac, the Rev. McNabb from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Mission of Western Africa, the Rev. F. R. Holeman from the Bishop of Missouri, the Rev. Edward L. Drown from the Bishop of Massachusetts, and the Rev. Francis J. Clayton from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Maryland.

I have received the following notices of depositions from the Holy Ministry :

By the Bishop of Iowa, of the deposition of the Rev. C. Collord Adams, Presbyter.

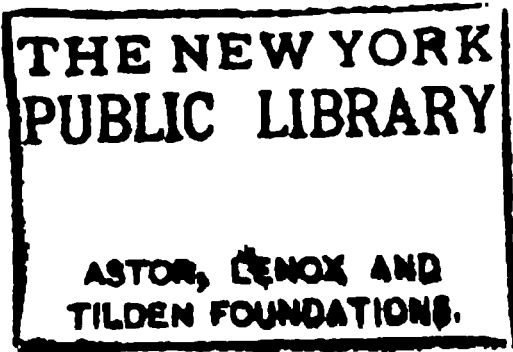
By the Bishop of Missouri, of the Rev. Charles H. Pauley, Deacon.

By the Bishop of Ohio, of the Rev. Chester Field Adams, Deacon.

Commending ourselves, dear brethren, and each of us to CHRIST our GOD, let us devoutly invoke the presence and the aid of His Blessed SPIRIT to direct us in all our works and ways.

JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG

Bishop of F



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APPENDIX C.

STANDING RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of each day shall be introduced by prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the Chair.
3. The order of business in the Council shall be as follows:
1st. The appointment of a President; if there be no Bishop, or if the Bishop is absent. 2d. The appointment of a Secretary, by ballot. 3d. The appointment of the Standing Committees of the Council—viz: Committee on the State of the Church, Committee on Canons, Committee on Finance, Committee on Unfinished Business, Committee on Christian Education, and Special Committees. 4th. The Annual Address of the Bishop, if there be one and he be present, or be absent and transmit his address. 5th. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 6th. Reports from Committees of the Council. 7th. Reports from the Treasurer. 8th. Reports from Committees appointed at the last Council. 9th. The election, by ballot, of a Treasurer, of a Registrar, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, of a Finance Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or present any matter to the Council, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall absent himself from the sittings of the Council, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Council.

7. The Council shall rise by order whenever the Clergyman or the Deputation from one Parish may require it.

8. On the requisition of any two members the year and days shall be called and entered on the Journal.

9. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Council, and shall not be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Council; *provided always*, that any member of the Council voting in the majority may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move a reconsideration of said vote.

10. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Council, unless seconded, and if required, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

11. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

13. Every member who shall be present when the question is put, shall vote, unless excused by the Council.

14. When the Council is about to rise, or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the Chair.

15. The foregoing rules shall be read by the Secretary at the opening of every Council, immediately after prayer.



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LIST OF THE CLERGY
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The Rt. Rev. JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG, S. T. D., Jacksonville.

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The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D. LL. D.

Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola.

The Rev. O. P. THACKARA,

Rector of St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.

The Rev. R. H. WELLER, D. D.,

Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. ELEAZER ROOTE,

Rector *Emeritus* of Trinity Church, St. Augustine.

The Rev. LYMAN PHELPS,

The Rev. W. H. CARTER, D. D., LL. D., Ph. D.,

Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

The Rev. C. S. WILLIAMS,

Rector of St. Mark's Church, Palatka and General
Missionary.

The Rev. JUAN B. BAEZ,

Rector of St. John's Church, Key West.

The Rev. C. S. SNOWDEN,

Missionary on Florida Central and Western Railroad.

The Rev. OLIVER TAYLOR,

Missionary at Orange Park.

The Rev. C. M. STURGES,

Missionary at Mandarin.

- The Rev. W. H. MILNES,
Missionary at Zellwood, etc.
- The Rev. J. H. WEDDELL,
Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Tampa.
- The Rev. S. B. CARPENTER,
Rector of Holy Cross Church, Sanford.
- The Rev. C. F. D. LYNE,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Key West.
- The Rev. R. T. ROCHE, D. D.,
Rector of Christ Church, Monticello.
- The Rev. JOHANNES A. OERTEL,
Orange Springs.
- The Rev. C. A. APPLE,
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- The Rev. A. W. KNIGHT,
Missionary in Putnam County.
- The Rev. ROBERT B. WOLESLEY,
The Rev. WILLIAM WILSON,
Rector of Christ Church, Cedar Key.
- The Rev. F. B. DUNHAM,
Rector of Trinity Church, Gainesville.
- The Rev. JOHN BLYMAN,
Missionary at Madison, etc.
- The Rev. W. W. KIRKBY,
Missionary, Church of Our Saviour, Fulton.
- The Rev. F. R. HOLEMAN,
Missionary at Longwood, etc.
- The Rev. E. L. DROWN,
Rector of Trinity Church, St. Augustine.
- The Rev. J. R. GRAY.
- The Rev. B. G. WHITE,
Minister at St. Philip's, Jacksonville.
- The Rev. J. R. BICKNELL,
Assistant Minister of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.
- The Rev. J. T. PICKETT, D. D.,
Missionary at Eustis.
- The Rev. F. N. LUSON.
- The Rev. T. D. PITTS.
- The Rev. JOHN D. LYMAN.

DEACONS.

The Rev. C. E. McDougall,
Missionary at St. Mary's Church, Milton.
The Rev. C. B. Wilmer,
Minister of Grace Church, Ocala.
The Rev. NORMAND B. HARRIS.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE.

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SECRETARY.

The Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., Jacksonville.

TREASURER.

C. B. Benedict, Jacksonville.

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The Rev. O. P. Thackara,
The Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D.,
The Rev. C. S. Williams,

LAY.

S. A. Swann,
J. J. Daniel,
C. B. Benedict.

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LAY.

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D. G. Ambler,
C. B. Benedict.

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The Rev. W. H. Carter, D. D.
The Rev. J. H. Weddell,

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OFFERTORIES TO BE MADE ANNUALLY.

1. Diocesan Assessment.
 2. Diocesan Missions.
 3. Domestic Missions.
 4. Foreign Missions.
 5. Disabled Clergy Fund.
 6. Expenses of General Convention.
 7. University of the South—(*Theological Department.*)
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COMMITTEES TO SIT DURING RECESS.

COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE PRAYER BOOK.

The Rev. Messrs. Weller, Scott, Thackara and Carter—
Messrs. Fairbanks, Daniel, D. S. Walker and Yonge.

COMMITTEE ON "CHURCH AND HOME."

The Rev. Messrs. Carter and Dunham, and Messrs. Hallmark,
Fairbanks and Mumby.

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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

PENSACOLA, FLA., May 6, 1885.

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of **the** Forty-Second Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal **Church**, in the Diocese of Florida, the Bishop and a number of **the** Clergy and Laity assembled in Christ's Church at 11 o'clock, **a. m.** Morning Prayer and the Litany were said by the Rev. **W. H. Carter, D. D., LL. D., Ph. D.,** Rector of St. John's **Church**, Tallahassee, and the Rev. **C. S. Williams, General Missionary.** The Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. **R. H. Weller, D. D.,** Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

After the close of the services, the Bishop called the Council to order, and furnished the Secretary with the following

LIST OF CLERGY

ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE COUNCIL.

The Rev. **J. J. SCOTT, D. D., LL. D.,**
The Rev. **O. P. THACKARA,**
The Rev. **R. H. WELLER, D. D.,**
The Rev. **ELEAZER ROOTE,**
The Rev. **LYMAN PHELPS,**
The Rev. **W. H. CARTER, D. D., LL. D., Ph. D.,**
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The Rev. W. W. KIRKBY,
The Rev. J. R. BICKNELL,
The Rev. C. E. MCDUGALL,
The Rev. NORMAND B. HARRIS,
The Rev. C. B. WILMER,
The Rev. F. N. LUSON.

Of these the following were present and answered to their names :

The Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. W. H. Carter, D. D., LL. D., Ph. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

The Rev. C. S. Williams. General Missionary.

The Rev. J. H. Weddell, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Tampa.

The Rev. S. B. Carpenter, Rector of Church of the Holy Cross, Sanford.

The Rev. A. W. Knight, Missionary in Putnam Co.

The Rev. C. B. Wilmer, Minister of Grace Church, Ocala.

The Rev. R. T. Roche, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Monticello.

The Rev. J. R. Bicknell, Assistant Minister of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Messrs. J. R. Bicknell and A. W. Knight a committee on the the credentials of Lay deputies, who reported the following as duly elected and entitled to seats in the Council :

• LIST OF LAY DEPUTIES.

St. Mark's, Palatka—Dr. G. E. Hawes, J. H. Hilliard.

St. Paul's Mission, Federal Point—W. L. Dorr.

St. Mary's, Milton—W. E. Anderson, J. J. Mintts, H. P. Wright, C. A. Davies.

Trinity Church, Gainesville—W. K. Cessner, Wm. Arthur, Chas. Goodman.

Christ's, Cedar Key—C. B. Rogers, C. C. Churchill, R. N. Dozier, J. J. Croswell.

St. Paul's, Key West—W. D. Cash, L. W. Bethel, G. D. Warren, S. B. Rawson.

St. John's, Jacksonville—A. S. Baldwin, M. D., J. J. Daniel, C. B. Benedict, J. C. Marcy, F. W. Mumby (Alternate).

Christ's, Pensacola—C. C. Yonge, John C. Avery, P. K. Yonge, G. S. Hallmark.

Grace, Ocala—J. J. Finley, John W. Martin, J. G. Reardon, R. E. Yonge.

St. Matthew's Mission, San Mateo—Dr. Wm. R. DeWitt.

St. James', Zellwood—R. G. Robinson.

Holy Comforter, Crescent City—Henry Hutchinson.

St. Peter's, Fernandina—G. R. Fairbanks, R. S. Schuyler, S. A. Swann, H. E. Dotterer.

Christ Church, Monticello—S. Simkins, W. C. Bird, J. H. Tucker, D. A. Finlayson.

Of these answered to their names—Dr. G. E. Hawes, of Palatka; W. L. Dorr, of Federal Point; C. B. Benedict and F. W. Mumby (Alternate), Jacksonville, and C. C. Yonge, G. S. Hallmark and P. R. Yonge, of Pensacola.

The Bishop announced that a quorum was present, and the first business in order was the election of a Secretary. The

Revs. J. R. Bicknell, and A. W. Knight, were appointed tellers. The ballots being canvassed, the Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., was declared re-elected.

Mr. R. S. Schuyler, was, by vote, seated as a Lay deputy from Fernandina.

The following was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That this Council expresses its hearty sympathy with the Rev. Dr. Scott, and regrets that he is unable, on account of illness, to be present at the opening of the Forty-Second Council of the Diocese, and the first Council held in his Parish.

It was

Resolved, That all visiting clergy be invited to seats in this Council.

In response to this resolution, the Rev. W. F. Morrison, Chaplain, U. S. N., took his seat.

An invitation from the Lay deputies of Christ Church, Pensacola, for a drive around the city, was extended to the members of the Council, when it was

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted, and the thanks of the Council be returned to the deputation.

When the Council took a recess until 9:30 a. m., to-morrow.

EVENING SERVICES.

At 8 o'clock p. m., Evening Prayer was said in Christ Church, by the Rev. C. S. Williams, and the Rev. R. T. Roche, D. D., and the Council Sermon was preached by the Rev. S. B. Carpenter, from Exodus, xiv : 15, "*Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward.*"

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, 9.30, A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. On calling the roll, there were present, in addition to those present yesterday, of the clergy, the Rev. F. B. Dunham, Rector of Trinity Church, Gainesville; the Rev. E. L. Drown, Rector of Trinity Church, St. Augustine; the Rev. C. E. McDougall, Minister of St. Mary's Church, Milton.

And of the Laity, Messrs. W. E. Anderson and C. A. Davis, of Milton; W. R. Cessner, Wm. Arthur, and C. Goodman, of Gainesville; A. S. Baldwin, J. J. Daniel, and J. C. Marcy, of Jacksonville; W. R. DeWitt, of San Mateo; R. G. Robinson, of Zellwood; Henry Hutchinson, of Crescent City; W. C. Bird, and J. H. Tucker, of Monticello.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Bishop read his Annual Address (Appendix A), when on motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as refers to the finances of the Diocese, and an Assistant Bishop, be referred to a Special Committee.

The Bishop appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Rev. Messrs. Williams, Carpenter, and Weddell, and Messrs. Baldwin, Hawes, and Schuyler.

ON CANONS.—Rev. Messrs. Drown, Roach, and Carpenter, and Messrs. Marcy, DeWitt, and P. K. Yonge.

ON FINANCE.—Messrs. Daniel, Benedict, and Anderson, and Rev. Messrs. Carter and Williams.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Rev. Messrs. Bicknell and Knight, and Messrs. Hallmark and Schuyler.

ON ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES—Rev. Messrs. McDougall and Dunham, and Messrs. Hawes and Dorr.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.—Messrs. Daniel, C. C. Yonge, and Hutchinson, and Rev. Messrs. Weller and Carter.

COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH AND HOME.—Rev. Messrs. W. H. Carter, D. D., F. B. Dunham, and Messrs. G. R. Fairbanks, F. W. Mumby, and G. S. Hallmark.

The Secretary presented and read the report of the Executive Board.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board has held two meetings since the adjournment of the last Council. The first was held on the 13th of July, 1884, at the Bishop's House. It was ordered that in the matter of difference between the Mission at Longwood, and Mr. W. Henck, the Bishop be authorized to convey to Mr. Henck the property in dispute, on condition of receiving from Mr. Henck, a deed to the property he had proposed in exchange, the Chancellor of the Diocese being, first, satisfied that there was no encumbrance upon it.

At the same meeting, the Hon. E. K. Foster, was requested to obtain from Mr. J. E. Ingraham, President of the Florida Southern Railway, a deed to the lot promised to the Rev. C. W. Ward, for the site of a church, in the town of Kissimmee.

The Bishop was authorized to re-convey to Mr. —Matthews a lot at Lockbie, donated by him for a church building, the condition of the gift having failed by the erection of the church on another lot.

The second meeting was held at the Bishop's house on the 13th day of April, 1885, when permission was granted to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, Gainesville, to mortgage part of their church lot for the purpose of raising money to assist in building a rectory, on condition that the part of the lot on which stands the church edifice be excluded from the mortgage.

The Executive Board, deeply impressed with a sense of its most important trust, as the custodian of the property of the Church of Florida, desires, most emphatically, to call the attention of the Council to two very serious matters of neglect upon the part of many of the Parishes and Missions :

1st. Section 8 of Canon XI, is as follows : "All parishes now existing in the Diocese, are required to so modify, or amend, their present Articles of Association, or Constitution, or Incorporation, as to conform to the provisions of this Canon."

2nd. Under the act of Incorporation, all property acquired for Church purposes in the Missions and Parishes *must be deeded to the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.*

Neglect of these two provisions is constantly making trouble and confusion, and the Board asks of the Council some decided and positive action upon the neglect of conformity to these provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. WELLER,
Secretary of the Executive Board.

PENSACOLA, April 6, 1885.

Also, the following report from the Diocesan Board of Missions :

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Diocesan Board of Missions reports that its receipts for missionary purposes since the last Council, from all sources, has been \$2,895.07, and its expenditures \$2,452.35, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$442.72, showing an increase in receipts of \$612.21 over the preceding year.

The stipends of all the missionaries nominated to the Board by the Bishop have been paid promptly each quarter, up to April 1st, the end of the fiscal year.

In conformity with the Canon on Missions, passed at the last Council, the Bishop, in consultation with the Board, appointed the Rev. C. S. Williams, General Missionary, dating from Dec. 1st, 1884, on a salary of \$1,500 *per annum*, and traveling expenses. From this appointment the Board expects large results in the future. The labors of the Missionary, up to the present time, strengthen this expectation. For information on this subject we refer you to the report of the General Missionary.

We feel bound, however, to state that the permanence of this office depends greatly upon the action of the present Council, in stimulating the contributions to the Missionary Fund. As the expression of our own matured views, we quote from a circular issued by the Board, when the General Missionary was sent out :

“There can be no doubt as to our duty to maintain and strengthen our present position, but *more* to reach out vigorously to the occupation of the whole field. Two things are necessary for this—*more missionaries, and more money with which to support them.* Here the work of the General Missionary comes in as an important factor. His duty is two-fold : to visit the vacant and feeble places, to encourage and strengthen the hearts of our scattered people, thus opening the way for the settled missionary; and to appeal to the stronger to help the weaker, and all to unite in increasing the funds of the Board, by the aggregation of contributions from the feeble and the strong, together, to press onward with vigor the work over the entire field.

“Nor can there be any doubt of our ability. The taxable property of the State shows a greatly advanced prosperity. Of this prosperity the members of our Church enjoy a large share. What we *need*, and *all* that we need, is the influence of God’s loving and blessed SPIRIT upon our *will*, to do for Him, and His work, in proportion to blessings received. Christians will never move heavenward simply by prayers and correct living. They must “watch” as sentinels on the outposts of the Kingdom, for opening avenues for advanced growth, and do for the Kingdom’s growth with all the ability which God gives us.

“To present in a tabular form to the parishes, missions and individual communicants of the Diocese what we are actually doing for this work, compared with what we could easily do had we more love for CHRIST, and more zeal for the extension of His Church, we give the following statistics, in order to remind every communicant of the Church of his or her share of the responsibility for our shortcomings as a Diocese, and our failure to achieve what is so manifestly within our power, were we more zealous in the performance of our duty to God. The first column of figures gives the number of communicants in the several Parishes and Missions of the Diocese; the second shows the amount that would have been raised had each communicant contributed *one cent a day*, as all easily could have done, and the third shows the sums actually contributed.

PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

	Number of Commu- nionists.	What one cent a day would amount to.	Actual Contributions for past year.
St. Augustine	96	\$445 00	\$197 50
Pensacola	202	727 20	75 35
Tallahassee	111	896 00	70 00
Jacksonville	361	1296 00	837 80
Fernandina	85	284 00	110 00
Key West	194	698 40	31 16
Palatka	56	196 00	60 65
Gainesville	65	228 80	7 25
Monticello	30	108 00	24 90
Apalachicola	48	172 80	
Marianna	33	118 80	
Ocala	55	196 00	
Lake City	29	104 40	4 75
Milton	18	54 80	89 55
Cedar Key	54	194 40	14 50
Madison	16	64 00	2 00
Sanford	58	208 80	15 00
Orlando	65	234 00	16 80
Daytona	28	82 80	9 00
Mandarin	52	186 20	13 00
Tampa	19	66 40	
Crescent City	12	43 20	11 67
San Mateo	12	43 20	4 00
Welaka	9	32 40	
Orange Park	11	36 60	15 00
Margaretta	3	10 80	
Cedar Creek	14	50 40	2 55
Federal Point	10	36 00	
Manatee	6	21 60	
Thonotosassa	8	28 80	
DeLand	27	97 20	
Enterprise	12	43 20	
Longwood	25	90 00	
Zellwood	10	36 00	
Apopka	15	54 00	
Yalaha	7	25 20	
Lane Park	6	21 60	
Mt. Dora	38	138 80	34 40
Maitland	11	36 60	
Fort George	15	54 00	
Waldo	2	7 20	
Lake Santa Fe	14	50 40	
Fairbanks	12	43 20	
Melrose	11	39 60	
Rosewood	14	54 40	
Bronson	8	10 80	
Gulf Hammock	31	111 00	
Other places			
Total	1994	\$7178 49	\$1566 92

The method by which he is expected to increase our work is (1) by individual pledges to be paid monthly (are there not many who can and will, if they realize their duty and ability, pledge not less than \$5 per month?); (2) by offerings at the services where he officiates, and (3) by organizing and stimulating

ing everywhere the Women's Auxiliary Society for Missions. It is easy to see that for the accomplishment of this, he must have the earnest *personal* influence and active assistance of each clergyman, each vestry and the devout women of the Church.

The appeal for individual monthly pledges has met with but very partial success—not sufficient to cover the additional expenditure. We ask again, are there not *fifty* laymen in this broad Diocese who can pledge the monthly sum of \$5, or somewhat less, to press forward this most important and most necessary work? The response so far has not been encouraging. We feel that the few names already on the list, should not be required to carry the whole responsibility. We must earnestly commend this subject to the prompt and vigorous action of the Council.

As in the previous year, the widely scattered residence of its members has prevented a full meeting of the Board, and sometimes even the presence of a quorum. The energetic work of the Woman's Auxiliary has continued to be our main reliance for funds. Its faithful labors should be more generally encouraged and strengthened.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. WELLER, *President*.

J. J. SCOTT,

W. H. CARTER,

C. B. BENEDICT,

J. J. DANIEL,

E. K. FOSTER.

Also the report of the Woman's Auxiliary Society for Missions:

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS IN FLORIDA.

The year just past has been one of unusual interest in our work, shown by the increase of contributions, the addition of new Branches and the revival of some lapsed ones; and the life and fervor manifested by our sister workers throughout the Diocese.

We think the General Missionary has aided our work greatly, by presenting and pressing the claims of the Society in the many places he has visited, and to his influence and earnest words we attribute, under Providence, the increase in our funds and in the number of our Branches. We welcome new workers always with joyful hearts and bid them God speed. One feature of our work, which we trust is as useful as it is pleasant and interesting,

is the bringing together of earnest Christian women in the widely separated parishes of our Diocese; making not only acquaintances but friends of those who have never even met and may never meet face to face in this world.

The short business note grows naturally by degrees into the friendly letter through which we peep into each other's households in social intercourse, but better still, interchange thoughts and experiences as Christians giving mutual help and comfort.

We think the character of our correspondence grows higher year by year, expressing more devotion and zeal, and we feel sure that the incense of prayer ascending from all these loving hearts is accepted before the throne of God, drawing down divine aid to the work which, being *on earth*, must be carried on by earthly means.

Our labors—as in all the previous years—have continued regularly and silently, month by month, through the long heat of summer and the cold of winter. At Christmastide the Branch in St. John's Parish, Jacksonville, sent nine boxes, and to two other places preferring it, money contributions, the whole value being \$150. The Branch in Christ Church, Pensacola, sent one box whose value was not reported. These Christmas boxes are acknowledged by cordial letters assuring us that much good is done by them as well as much pleasure given.

If each established parish would join in this work by offering the Diocesan Directress to supply one or two Mission schools every Christmas; the good done and pleasure given would be increased ten-fold both to givers and receivers. May we ask the clergy to suggest this to their people, as well as to encourage the regular work of the society, thus aiding by their influence and interest this work which they themselves have set us to do?

Again we thank God and take courage, seeing that he has blessed our feeble efforts in the past, all through the day of small things, constantly praying more earnestly that he will make this "little one to become a thousand."

The total amount received during the past year is \$1,715.14.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. SWART,

MRS. M. R. BURTON,

MISS H. R. PARKHILL.

The above reports were all referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Treasurer submitted the following report. which was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT:—I would respectfully submit the following Financial Report of the Diocese of Florida, for the year ending May 6th, 1885 :

RECEIPTS.

Received on account of the Diocesan Fund—		
Balance carried over.....	\$1,128 88	
From assessments.....	1,511 50	
Total.....		\$2,640 38
Received on account of Missions—		
Balance carried over.....	\$ 441 50	
From Woman's Auxillary Society.....	1,716 20	
From the Gen Missionary and other sources.....	737 87	
Total.....		2,895 07
Received on account of the University of the South—		
Balance carried over.....	\$ 95 06	
For the Theological Department.....	300 73	
Total.....		395 79
Received on account of the fund for Infirm and Disabled clergy—		
Balance carried over.....	\$ 28 00	
Contributions.....	18 76	
Total.....		46 76
Received on account of Holly Hill building fund.....		5 00
Total receipts.....		\$5,983 00

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid out on account of the Diocesan fund, \$895.00 last year —		
To the Rt. Rev. J. F. Young.....	\$2,420 00	\$1,525 00
Paid the Secretary, Rev. R. H. Weller.....	30 00	
Printing Journal of Council.....	75 25	
Clergymen's traveling expenses.....	16 00	
Other expenses.....	17 50	
Total.....		2,558 00
Paid out on account of Missions—		
Missionary stipends.....	\$1,730 00	
Gen. Missionary, Rev. C. S. Williams.....	699 60	
Expenses Woman's Aux. Society.....	13 00	
Jewish Missions.....	2 75	
Printing circulars.....	7 00	
Total.....		2,452 35
Paid out on account of the University of the South—Theological Department.....		
		232 74
Paid out on account of the fund for Infirm and Disabled Clergymen.....		
		29 00
Total disbursements.....		\$5,271 84
Balance on hand in favor of the Diocesan Fund.....	\$81 63	
In favor of Missions.....	442 72	
In favor of the University of the South.....	163 05	
In favor of the fund for Infirm and Disabled Clergymen.....	18 76	
In favor of the Holly Hill Building Fund.....	5 00	
Total balance on hand to date		\$711 16
In addition, I hold Rt. Rev. J. F. Young's bond for.....		\$2,634 00
Five Madison County bonds, with coupons.....		538 00
W. K. Beard's note for.....		1,444 31
D. B. McGinnis' note for.....		512 00
Total.....		\$5,839 47

I trust, Mr. President, the members of the Council will bear with me, if in connection with this report I call their attention to a subject that I am glad to see is already beginning to agitate the minds of both clergy and laity, and that is the Diocesan assessments. Their inefficiency to carry on the great work of the Diocese. First of all, I would impress upon the minds of the members of the Finance Committee, the necessity of assessing a sum large enough in the aggregate to cover all the expenses of the Diocese. The amount assessed at the last Council was \$1,820, while the expenses, including the Bishop's salary, amounts to \$2,138.75, leaving a deficiency of \$318.75, even had all the assessments been paid. I would suggest making the amount at least \$2,500. Through the kindness and forbearance of our Bishop, his salary, year after year, has been only partially paid, until there has accumulated and is now due him a balance of \$3,598.35. Our Bishop's necessities are such that he now asks, what is rightly his, a prompt payment of his salary each year. We, as members of the parishes and missions throughout the Diocese, are bound by every sense of honor, and legally so, to meet this obligation. If in the Providence of God our Bishop should be removed by death, or an Assistant be called to the work, we would be found wholly unprepared for the emergency. With the vast work to be accomplished in our rapidly growing and expanding Diocese, adequate and ample means should be provided to carry it on. A vital question and one that should awaken an interest in this Council and be taken hold of with an earnestness of purpose, is, how are we to establish a permanent Episcopal fund and not be compelled always to rely on these precarious assessments to support the Episcopate. An endowment fund in our comparatively poor and thinly settled Diocese, would be slow to raise at first. But there is no more auspicious moment than the present to start it, and to awaken an interest throughout the entire Diocese to the importance of the object, with a view of ultimately accomplishing the desired result.

The Mission Fund shows quite a marked increase over last year, an evidence that the zeal, energy and untiring labors of our most efficient General Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Williams, who has now been in the field just five months, are bearing their fruits, although the increase is nearly equal to the extra expense, yet, from evidences of an awakened interest in the Mission work, in the ground gone over, I think we can safely calculate that the increase will more than meet the extra expense, before the close of the first year. Five months' labor is too short a time to base any positive calculation of what our General Missionary will be able to accomplish. All the evi-

dences go to prove most positive, beneficial results, so far. In view of all this, I think it would be a most unfortunate circumstance to the Diocese, to recall him, at this the commencement of his labors, without at least one year of trial to bear fruits, if they will.

The following are the delinquent Parishes and Missions :

Trinity, St. Augustine ; St. Luke's, Marianna ; Trinity, Apalachicola ; Christ, Monticello ; Maitland Mission ; Orlando Mission ; Longwood Mission ; Holy Cross Mission ; Margaretta Mission ; St. Mary's, Green Cove ; Santa Fe Mission ; St. Mary's, Madison ; Lake Eustis Mission ; DeLand Mission, Holy Communion, Falton ; All Saints, Fairbanks ; St. Paul's, Waldo ; Melrose Mission ; St. Mary's Mission ; St. Paul's, Key West ; St. John's, Tallahassee on account, \$69.

The following Parishes and Missions have paid the Diocesan assessment in full :

St. John's, Jacksonville ; St. Mary's, Milton ; Christ, Pensacola ; St. Mark's, Palatka ; St. Peter's, Fernandina ; Trinity, Gainesville ; Tampa Mission ; St. Matthew's, San Mateo ; Grace Mission, Orange Park ; Church of Our Saviour, Mandarin ; Federal Point Mission ; St. Margaret, Hibernia (paid double her assessment) ; Fort George Mission ; St. Philips, Jacksonville (colored) ; Holy Cross, Sanford (paid last year's assessment) ; Holy Comforter, Crescent City ; Grace, Ocala (paid last year's assessment) ; Christ, Cedar Key ; St. James, Lake City ; St. Mark's, Daytona.

C. B. BENEDICT, *Treasurer*.

When, on motion, the report was received, and the Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider it. The Committee rose and reported the following resolution, which was adopted. Rev. Dr. Carter in the Chair.

Resolved, That the Treasurer's report be referred to the Special Committee appointed on the Bishop's Address.

The Secretary presented the notification of proposed changes in the Prayer Book, from the Secretary of the House of Deputies, of the General Convention.

On motion, the Council adjourned to 3:30 p. m.

THURSDAY, 3.30 p. m.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment. In the absence of the Bishop, and the Chairman, Dr. Baldwin was called to the

Chair. The Special Committee to whom was referred the Bishop's Address and the Treasurer's Report, made the following report :

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE,

To whom was referred certain portions of the Bishop's Address and the Treasurer's Report.

Your Committee has taken into consideration, as fully as the time allowed them would permit, the subjects committed to them.

1st. The present indebtedness of the Diocese and the mode of meeting it.

2d. The best method of meeting its future liabilities—and

3rd. The appointment of an Assistant Bishop. They have not only carefully considered these subjects, but asked for and received information and suggestions from many members of the Council, both clerical and lay.

Of the present indebtedness they find due to the Bishop \$3,598.25 ; amount of bonds loaned to the Bishop from a permanent trust fund, \$2,150.00, making a total of \$5,748.25. To meet this, they estimate the probable amount of \$500 of collectable assessments for the past year—leaving to be provided for, \$5,248.25.

The Committee recommend that this amount be raised by individual subscriptions, and that the balance actually due to the Bishop be paid, and the permanent fund replaced before any action is taken for the appointment of an Assistant Bishop.

Your Committee are satisfied that, by an earnest and vigorous effort on the part of the clergy and laity, this fund can be raised within a reasonable time, and suggest the selection of one layman in each Parish and Mission be appointed, on the nomination of the clergyman in charge, to co-operate with a Central Committee of three laymen, whose duty it shall be to do what is necessary to assure the raising of the fund. We also urge upon the clergy, on whom rests a large measure of the responsibility, to impress upon their people the obligation to do their full part in this important matter.

Your Committee have carefully considered the suggestions of the Bishop in his address as to an Assistant. We fully realize the great opportunity which lies before the Church in this Diocese, and that the Bishop's feeble health renders it unreasonable to expect that unassisted he can endure the large amount of physical labor requisite for continuous Episcopal work in so large and scattered a field.

We therefore recommend, that as soon as the indebtedness of the Diocese has been provided for, an Assistant be elected in ac-

cordance with the recommendation of the Bishop. To this end we suggest, further, that as soon as the committee appointed to raise the fund to pay off the Diocesan debt has secured a sufficient amount, they communicate the fact to the Bishop, and that he be requested thereupon to convene, at once, a Special Council for the election of an Assistant.

Your Committee is satisfied that the Diocese, if vigorously worked, can raise all that is needed to pay the salary of the Bishop and an Assistant, and respectfully suggest that the Finance Committee increase the assessments, so as to provide the funds which may be needed.

J. J. DANIEL,	} <i>Special Com.</i>
C. C. YONGE,	
H. HUTCHINSON,	
W. H. CARTER,	
R. H. WELLER,	

On motion, the Report was received, and the Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider it.

The Committee rose, and reported to the Council the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee be adopted.

It was further

Resolved, That a committee of three Laymen be appointed as the Central Committee proposed in the report.

When the Council, on motion, adjourned to to-morrow at 9.30 a. m.

Evening prayer was said in Christ's Church, at 7:30 p. m., by the Revs. A. W. Knight and C. B. Wilmer, and a sermon preached by the Rev. J. H. Weddell, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Tampa.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, May 8th, 9:30 a. m.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair. The clergy and laity were present as on yesterday.

The Bishop appointed as a Committee under the resolution attached to the Report of the Special Committee, of yesterday, Messrs J. J. Daniel, S. A. Swann and C. B. Benedict.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee respectfully report the following unfinished business of the Forty-First Annual Council, on pp. 18 and 32, respectively:

Resolved, That the changes in the Book of Common Prayer, made at last General Convention, be referred to a Special Committee, to be appointed by the President, to report at the next meeting of the Council.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to the next Council a correction revision, and re-arrangement of the Canons.

JESSE N. BICKNELL,
A. W. KNIGHT, JR.,
R. S. SCHUYLER,
G. S. HALLMARK.

The Rev. Dr. Carter proposed the following amendments to Canon XVII, which were referred to the Committee on Canons.

Resolved, That Canon XVII be amended, so as to read as follows:

Section 1. There shall be a Diocesan Board of Missions, appointed annually by the Council.

Section 2. Such Board shall consist of six clergyman and five laymen, of whom one of each order shall be members of each Convocation.

Section 3. Four members of this Board shall constitute a quorum, *provided*, there be one person of each order in such quorum.

Section 4. The Board shall meet, at least once a year, in each Convocation, and at such other times and places, as may be duly designated.

Section 5. Same as present section 2.

It was

Resolved, That a Council Committee of three be appointed by the President, to take into consideration the ways and means for providing for disabled and superannuated clergymen in the Diocese.

The Bishop appointed as this Committee, the Rev. Messrs. Carter and Weller, and Messrs. Fairbanks and Daniel.

The Committee on the CHURCH AND HOME, made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "CHURCH AND HOME."

The Committee on CHURCH AND HOME respectfully report, that from statements submitted to them, they find most gratifying evidence of the success of this, our Diocesan paper. It is self-supporting, and needs but to be known to be appreciated. The subscription list, appended hereto, shows that it has as yet failed to reach a large proportion of our people. This may be partly explained by the fact, that there has been no thorough canvass of the Diocese, and that it has so far failed, though from no fault of its own, to give such local news as will make it of especial interest in each parish. To help remove the first difficulty, your Committee recommend that an agent be appointed in each parish and mission to secure subscriptions and to give it a greater and more personal local interest; they suggest that the Treasurer of the Diocese should therein make a brief monthly statement; that the Bishop be requested to furnish a report of his visitations, including the number of persons confirmed at each. Also, that the Woman's Auxiliary should contribute such portions of correspondence as may seem to be of general interest; that there should be a series of short articles upon Church history, and that a children's department should be established.

The great value of a Diocesan paper consists in its bringing the different parts of the Diocese in closer relationship with each

other, that by means of its columns, we may all feel that we have personal friends in every part of the State, although we may never have looked upon their faces nor grasped their hands. So, to increase the value of the CHURCH AND HOME in this respect, your Committee most earnestly recommend that the Rectors and Missionaries send to it, as frequently as possible, communications regarding their own work, thereby rendering the paper of local interest in every town and village. If these or similar recommendations be faithfully carried out, your Committee believe that the time is not far off when the CHURCH AND HOME, enlarged and a weekly, will enter upon a career of still brighter prosperity and more extended influence.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CARTER,
F. B. DUNHAM,
GEO. S. HALLMARK,
F. W. MUMBY,
G. R. FAIRBANKS.

The Committee of last year, on the Revision of the Canons, made the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council, on the Revision of the Canons respectfully report that they have received no notice of any proposed amendment ; that they have gone carefully through the Canons and amended and corrected them as directed by the various Councils since the printing of the Constitution and Canons in 1880. And they recommend that the Secretary be authorized to print 250 copies of the Constitution and Canons as amended and corrected at the close of this meeting of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CARTER,
R. H. WELLER,
J. J. DANIEL,
G. R. FAIRBANKS.

The Committee to whom was referred the Notification of Proposed Changes in the Prayer Book made the following report :

The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council, to consider the proposed changes in the Prayer Book, by action of the General Convention, report that owing to the fact that the formal notification of the report of these changes has been but recently sent out, the Committee have been unable

to consider the same in time to report to this meeting of the Council, and suggest that the same be continued.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes reported that no application had come before them, and asked to be discharged, which was granted.

The Committee on Finance made the following report :

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find them to be correct.

The Statement of the Treasurer shows a very encouraging increase in the receipts during the past year.

It is gratifying to note that for the first time in many years the full amount of the Bishop's salary has been paid, all of the incidental expenses of the Diocese have been provided for, the Missionary stipends have been paid, and there is a balance in the Treasury.

This argues well for the financial prosperity of the Diocese, and should encourage the clergy and laity to renewed zeal and faithful efforts in the future.

The receipts during the fiscal year from all sources, including	
balance brought forward, amount to.....	\$5,983 00
Of this amount there has been collected from Current Diocesan	
Assessments.....	1,096 50
From former assessments.....	415 00
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Total receipts from Diocesan Assessments.....	\$1,511 50
From the Woman's Auxiliary.....	1,716 20
From other sources for Missions.....	737 37
For the University of the South.....	300 73
From Miscellaneous sources.....	23 76
Which with the balance on hand at the beginning of the fiscal	
year.....	1,693 44
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Makes up the total of.....	\$5,983 00
As reported, the total disbursements have been.....	5,271 84
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Leaving a net balance in the Treasurer's hands of.....	\$ 711 16

The Committee recommend that the account of the Treasurer, as presented in his report, be approved.

Acting upon the suggestions made by the Treasurer, and appreciating the increased ability of the Parishes and Missions, and the need of additional funds to assure the prompt payment

the Bishop's salary and other obligations of the Diocese, the committee has added to the assessments about one-third.

The schedule as adopted is as follows :

St. Augustine.....	\$ 200 00
John's, Tallahassee.....	125 00
Paul's, Key West.....	240 00
John's, Jacksonville.....	600 00
James, Lake City.....	25 00
Mary's, Milton.....	60 00
John's, Marianna.....	20 00
St. Mary, Apalachicola.....	20 00
St. Peter, Pensacola.....	300 00
Mark's, Palatka.....	150 00
St. Peter's, Fernandina.....	150 00
St. John, Monticello.....	50 00
St. John, Gainesville.....	60 00
St. John, Shepherd, Maitland.....	80 00
St. John, Cross, Sanford.....	80 00
St. John, Andrews, Tampa.....	20 00
St. John, Church, Longwood.....	10 00
St. John, Duke's, Orlando.....	50 00
St. John, Cross, Margaretta.....	10 00
St. John, Matthew's, San Mateo.....	20 00
St. John, Comforter, Crescent City.....	25 00
St. John, Orange Park.....	15 00
St. John, Church, Cedar Keys.....	50 00
St. John, Saviour, Mandarin.....	25 00
St. John, Mary's, Green Cove Spring.....	20 00
St. John, Ocala.....	60 00
St. John, John's, Santa Fe.....	10 00
St. John, Mary's, Madison.....	20 00
St. John, Paul's, Federal Point.....	15 00
St. John, Thomas, Eustis.....	25 00
St. John, Margaret's, Hibernia.....	20 00
St. John, Mary's, Daytona.....	15 00
St. John, George, Fort George.....	20 00
St. John, Barnabas, DeLand.....	10 00
St. John, Saviour, Fulton.....	25 00
St. John, Saints, Fairbanks.....	10 00
St. John, Paul's, Waldo.....	10 00
St. John, Rose Mission.....	10 00
St. John, Philip's, Jacksonville.....	25 00
St. John, Mary's, Cedar Creek.....	10 00
St. John, Saints, Enterprise.....	10 00
St. John, James, Zellwood.....	10 00
St. John, Samuel, Welaka.....	10 00
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	\$2620 00

NOTE.—These assessments are not made upon the basis of any particular or each communicant, but upon the ability of each Parish and Mission, whole, to pay.

The Committee are confident that there are none of the Churches which can not with ease pay the amount assessed to them, if they but realize as they should their ability and duty to give. If the clergy will put the matter faithfully before their vestries and people and make them to understand their true relation and duty to the Diocese, it will tend greatly to solve this question.

The difficulty is rarely the want of ability to give, but rather the failure to understand and appreciate the duty. The Committee commend this matter most earnestly to the attention of the Clerical and Lay Deputies present at this Council, and trust that they will so present it to their people as to assure the payment of the assessments in the future.

The Woman's Auxiliary continues to be the main support of the Diocesan fund for Missions. They should be commended and encouraged in their good work.

Respectfully,

J. J. DANIEL,
C. C. BENEDICT,
W. E. ANDERSON,
W. H. CARTER,
C. S. WILLIAMS.

An invitation was extended by the Deputies of Christ Church, Pensacola, to the members of the Council, to take an excursion trip to the Navy Yard this afternoon, which was accepted with thanks.

It was

Resolved, That the Committee on the CHURCH AND HOME, be continued as a Standing Committee, to urge the enlargement of its subscription list, and advance its interests as they deem best. The Committee consists of Rev. Messrs. Carter and Dunham, and Messrs. Fairbanks, Hallmark and Mumby.

It was

Resolved, That the election of Diocesan officers be made the order of the day for 12 o'clock, m.

The hour having arrived, the election was ordered.

Rev. Mr. Rickneil and Mr. Hutchinson were appointed tellers, and the result of the election was as follows:

TREASURER—C. R. Benedict.

RECTOR—A. S. Baldwin, M. D.

CHANCELLOR—C. C. Yeager.

During the counting of ballots, the following resolutions were passed :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be tendered the Rector, Vestry and Parishioners of Christ Church, Pensacola, for their marked courtesy, kindness and attention to the members.

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 7:30 p. m.

The tellers reported the following elected as the

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Rev. O. P. Thackara, Rev. C. S. Williams, and Rev. R. L. Weller, Messrs. C. B. Benedict, S. A. Swann, and J. J. Daniel.

AS DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Rev. O. P. Thackara, the Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., the Rev. R. H. Carter, D. D., and the Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., and Messrs. G. R. Fairbanks, D. S. Walker, J. J. Daniel, and H. E. Motterer.

The Committee on the University of the South presented their report as follows :

THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

Report that the affairs of this institution have been very prosperous during the past year, not only as to the financial condition, but in the increasing number of students, and the larger interest manifested by the several Dioceses in its work. We specially commend this Church School to the support and confidence of Churchmen, and that a generous aid be given to the support of the Theological Department, to which we must so largely look for the future supply of clergy in this and other Southern Dioceses.

C. S. WILLIAMS.

G. R. FAIRBANKS.

When the Council adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

May 8, 7:30, p. m.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The Bishop in the chair. Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the appointment of the Rev. C. S. Williams as an Examining Chaplain, in place of Dr. Carter, resigned; the Rev. S. B. Carpenter as Archdeacon of South Florida, and the Rev. C. F. D. Lyne as the Preacher at the next Council, and the Rev. A. W. Knight as his substitute.

The Committee on the State of the Church made its report as follows, which was received:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

That the entire aspect of the Diocese is cheering. Statistics as given below warrant this statement.

The incoming multitudes from all divisions of the world have been met by the Church in many counties in effort to provide for their spiritual wants. There are yet numerous vacant places awaiting the coming of clergymen. The welcome accorded to the Church by all persons, irrespectively of previous associations and training, is remarkable and encouraging. The field, meaning the vast territory of the State, is as a ripe harvest inviting the reapers.

It is gratifying to record the interest of Parishes and Missions in the work of the W. A. S., as manifested in greatly increased contributions. The reports of the W. A. S., of the Missionary Committee, of the Treasurer, of the Finance Committee, show most conclusively that the Church in Florida is awake or is awakening to her privilege and to her responsibility. We but voice the common opinion and belief when we affirm that the tide of success is running so full and strong that there can be no doubt that it will sweep away all impediments to the spread of the Church into all parts of the State.

In view of the great work before us and the urgent call for Episcopal attention, your Committee recommends most earnestly that the words of the Bishop in his address in respect to assistance be thoroughly weighed.

Another suggestion is ventured. Since we must have statistics, as on them conclusions are based which determine action, every Parish and Mission should provide itself with a register, in order to the recording accurately of the various items of parochial report.

The Committee would further recommend the insuring, for reasonable sums, of Church buildings. Property of the value of \$219,653 is reported to be insured for \$50,000.

Subjoining is a summary of Parochial reports, and list of Parishes and Missions unreported.

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, A. D. 1885.

WHOLE NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED, 32.

Number of Families.....	1,848
Persons not so Included.....	1,006
Total of Persons.....	6,868
Lay Readers.....	24
Baptisms—Adults.....	26
“ —Infants.....	255
“ —Total.....	281
Confirmed—Florida.....	88
“ —Cuba.....	825
“ —Total.....	413
Communicants—Number last Reported.....	1,994
“ —Admitted.....	133
“ —Added by Removal.....	143
“ —Lost by Removal.....	92
“ —Lost by Death.....	18
“ —Present Number.....	2,173
Marriages.....	82
Burials.....	119
Sunday School Teachers.....	224
Sunday School Scholars.....	1,850
Parish School Teachers.....	7
Parish School Scholars.....	168
No. of Services.....	3,184
Holy Communion—Times.....	513

VALUES.

Church Edifices and Grounds.....	\$174,761
Rectory and Grounds.....	28,270
School Property.....	13,100
Other Property.....	16,975
One Parish reported the total only.....	25,000
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Total Values.....	247,506
Insurance	60,150
Indebtedness.....	3,088

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$19,375 77
Diocesan Assessment.....	1,560 50
Diocesan Missions.....	1,515 05
Domestic Missions.....	96 55
Foreign Missions.....	15 68
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	163 02
University of the South.....	263 68
Communion Alms.....	1,710 61
Other Purposes.....	8,365 16
Jewish Missions.....	17 20
Total Contributions.....	33,083 22
Number of Sitzings.....	6,690 00

LIST OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS FROM WHICH NO REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

Trinity Church, Apalachicola; St. Luke, Marianna; St. John's, Ky West; St. Luke's, Orlando; St. Mary's, Daytona.—St. Thomas, Ind; —Thonotopoma; St. Barnabas, DeLand; Christ, Longwood; —Mt. Deva; Good Shepherd, Maitland; St. Paul's, Waldo, & John's, Santa Fe; All Saints, Fairbanks. —Melrose; —Bronson.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. WILLIAMS, Chairman

Resolved, That this Council express its hearty confidential appreciation of the work of the General Missionary, and repeat the Bishop and the Board to continue him in office.

THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS REPORT.

The Committee on Canons beg to report as follows:

They recommend that the amendment to Canon XVII, referred to them, be not adopted.

They recommend that Canon XVII be amended by adding the following section, viz:

"Each Convention may, before the first Sunday in Advent each year, elect a delegate, clerk or lay, as a member of the Board of Missions to serve one year—provided that the members shall always constitute a quorum of said Board."

The Committee recommend that Section 3, Canon XI, be amended to read as follows:

"No one shall be eligible to vote for Vestrymen who is not at least thirty years of age, a communicant in good standing, and who has been such communicant in the parish for six months next preceding the election. He is required to be a member of the Church, a voter in the parish, and a regular contributor to the support of the same six months preceding the election prescribed by the Vestry and who is situated in the jurisdiction, discipline and worship of the Church."

The Committee recommend that Canon X be amended to include in the first line after the words "without calling" and in the second line after the words "shall be" as follows:

"The election of all communicants or of single individuals who are to receive office during the year of the Council shall be by ballot and all communicants or single individuals who are to receive office shall be eligible to vote."

any individual appointed to perform a duty dies or removes from the Diocese, the Ecclesiastical authority shall supply his place unless otherwise provided in these Canons."

E. L. DROWN,	}	Committee.
R. T. ROCHE,		
S. B. CARPENTER,		
J. C. MARCY,		
W. R. DEWITT,		
P. K. YONGE.		

Resolved, That the amendment of Canon XVII, be adopted.

Resolved, That the remainder of the report be laid over to the next Council.

The Council went into an election of a Board of Missions. Mr. Bicknell and Mr. Hutchinson tellers. While the ballot was being canvassed, the following report of the Standing Committee was presented.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

On the 7th, 1884. The Committee met in Tallahassee and gave their consent to the consecration of the Rev. S. D. Benson, as Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas, Africa, and the Rev. V. J. Boone, as Missionary Bishop of Shanghai, China.

On the 21st, 1884. The Committee met in Jacksonville and gave their consent to the consecration of the Rev. William D. D., as Bishop of Maryland.

On the 20th, 1884. The Committee signed the testimonials for the Rev. Brooke G. White and Chas. H. B. Turner, for Priest's Orders, and Mr. Normand B. Harris for Deacon's Orders.

On the 10th, 1885. The Committee met as a Council of Advice to the Bishop.

On the 28th, 1885. The Committee met at the Bishop's House as a Council of Advice in regard to the unhappy relations existing between the Rector and the Parishioners of Trinity Church, St. Augustine. The Committee also recommended to the Bishop that the Victerine de la Cova, of Havana, Cuba, be received as a candidate for Holy Orders.

O. P. THACKARA, *President.*

Also, the following report of the Dean of the Eastern Canon was presented.

THE DEAN OF THE EASTERN CONVOCATION MADE THE FOLLOWING REPORT.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese :

Pursuant to the call of the Dean, the following clergy of the Eastern Convocation assembled in St. Peter's Church, Fernandina, on the 25th of June last, to-wit :

The Rev. O. P. Thackara, Dean, the Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., the Rev. C. M. Sturges, the Rev. A. W. Knight, the Rev. J. R. Gray, and the Rev. B. G. White.

After prayers were said, the Convocation organized by the election of Rev. A. W. Knight as Secretary. A committee was appointed to draft By-Laws for the government of the Convocation, whose report, with the accompanying By-Laws, was subsequently adopted. A copy of the By-Laws are enclosed. The openings of the Mission work within the bounds of the Convocation, and what should be done to meet the needs, occupied most of the attention of the Convocation throughout its session. The work amongst the colored population was not overlooked, but received its due share of attention.

The one expression of opinion by those present was that the Convocation system, if earnestly and wisely carried out, could not fail to be followed by good and large results in the Mission work of the Diocese.

The second meeting of the Convocation was held in St. Peter's Church, Fernandina, on the 21st and 22d of January, with the following clergy in attendance, to-wit :

The Dean, the Rev. Messrs. Williams, Sturges, Wilson, Dunham, Gray, Wilmer and Harris. There was also present the Rev. A. J. Arnold, the assistant of St. Peter's Church, and the Rev. Mr. John Gass, who was doing temporary missionary work in Putnam county. Several of the parishes were represented by a lay delegation. The mornings of Wednesday and Thursday were given to the business of the Convocation.

In accordance with an appointment made at the previous meeting of the Convocation, papers were read on the Work of the Preacher, by the Rev. C. M. Sturges and Mr. Geo. R. Fairbanks.

The reading of these papers and the discussion which followed them, was a marked feature in the Convocation. After a short service on Wednesday night, statements of work going on in several of the Mission stations were made by the clergy. On Thursday night the theme—"the love of Christ constraineth us," in the giving of our time, the giving of our means, the giving of our labor, and the giving of our hearts to the exten-

n of the Church of our Lord, was made the subject of earnest addresses by several of the clergy.

On Thursday afternoon there was a meeting of the clergy at the Rectory for meditation and prayer. There can be no doubt of the good results of this second meeting of the Convocation, and that the clergy went back to their homes, and several works, strengthened and encouraged.

The third meeting of the Convocation was held in Trinity Church, Gainesville, on the 15th and 16th of April. There were in attendance the following clergy, the Dean, the Rev. Messrs. Williams, Kirkby, Knight, Snowden, Willson, Gray, Wham, Bicknell, Wilmer and Arnold. The Convocation was opened by the saying of the Litany, the delivery of an earnest address by the Rev. Mr. Kirkby, and the administration of the Holy Communion. The paper read before the Convocation was by Mr. Robt. Schuyler, on the Duties of the Laity to the Clergy. This paper was followed by an earnest and pointed address on the relation between the minister and the people, by the Rev. Mr. Bicknell, and called forth a most profitable discussion as to the subject, its nature and extent, which could be given to the clergy in their work by the laity.

Amongst the subjects brought to the attention of the Convocation, was the importance of providing a Church boarding hall for the students attending the State Seminary in Gainesville.

In such a hall the students coming from the several counties of East and South Florida could be brought under the influence and the training of the Church. With judicious and kindly care and oversight by those placed in charge of the hall, the Church in our Diocese could not fail to reap good and large fruits in the future.

After the outlay made in the putting up of the necessary buildings, the hall could provide for its expenses by the board of students. A plan was suggested by which it was hoped that the means to build the hall could be provided.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, sermons and missionary addresses were made. The congregations at these services filled the church, and were evidently much impressed by the subjects brought before and urged upon them.

But that a report is required of the Deans of the several Convocations to be made to you before the meeting of the Council, might have seemed unnecessary to make such a lengthy and detailed report, since a full report of the meetings of the East-Florida Convocation, the attendance, subjects discussed, the papers read and the matters of work agreed upon, were published in the Diocesan paper, the CHURCH AND HOME.

I feel assured, dear Bishop, that all are agreed that the appointment of the Convocation system by the last Council was a wise one. The increased interest made evident by a larger attendance of the clergy at each meeting, and the earnest spirit exhibited in all the matters brought before our notice, and the interest in our Missionary work awakened by these gatherings of the clergy and laity, is full proof that the Eastern Convocation during the past year of its work has not been a failure.

OWEN P. THACKARA.

FERNANDINA, May 4th, 1885.

Resolved, The next Council be held in St. Mark's Church, Palatka.

R. S. Schuyler, and Rev. S. B. Carpenter were appointed additional tellers.

The Tellers reported the following elected as the DIOCESAN BOARD OF MISSIONS: Revs. S. B. Carpenter, J. R. Bicknell, F. B. Dunham and A. W. Knight; and Messrs. J. J. Daniel, R. S. Schuyler and Henry Hutchinson.

Resolved, That 500 copies of the Journal be printed and distributed by the Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISABLED AND INFIRM CLERGY.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of aid to clergymen who may become disabled through age or infirmity, respectfully report that they commend to the liberality of Church people the Society for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and recommend that an offering be made annually for the funds of that society, and suggest that this offering be made on Thanksgiving day.

They also commend as worthy of confidence and support the Clergymen's Retiring Fund Society, through means of which the clergy can for themselves make provision for their old age.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CARTER,
R. H. WELLER,
G. R. FAIRBANKS,
J. J. DANIEL.

The Tellers reported as elected TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH: Rev. C. S. Williams, G. R. Fairbanks, L. I. Fleming.

Tellers reported elected on FINANCE COMMITTEE: W. E. Anderson, C. B. Benedict, D. G. Ambler, Rev. Dr. Carter and Rev. J. H. Weddell.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be tendered to Le Baron Johnson, sexton of Christ Church, and that the sum of \$5.00 be voted to him.

Resolved, That after the reading of the minutes, and the usual devotions, this Council adjourn *sine die*.

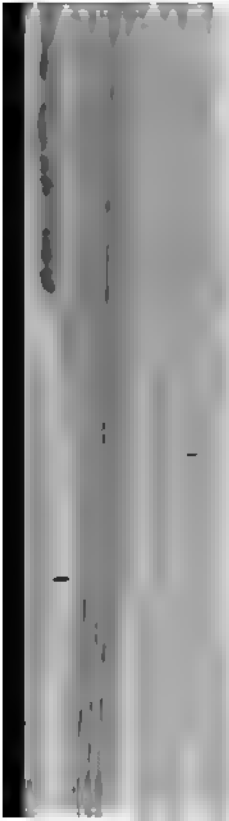
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JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG,
Bishop of Florida.

R. H. WELLER, *Secretary.*



APPENDICES.



BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity;

As you will all remember, I left you in session during the last meeting of the Council, in order to reach New York in time for the May meeting of the Foreign Missionary Committee, to secure, if possible, an appropriation for Missionary work in the Island of Cuba.

On the Sunday after, it being the fourth Sunday after Easter, in the morning I visited St. Andrew's Chapel, East Jacksonville, said the Litany and baptized *four* adults and *three* children, preached, confirmed *five* and celebrated the Holy Communion. In the afternoon of that day, notwithstanding my great aversion to traveling on the Lord's day, I was obliged to leave for New York, in order to reach there in time for the meeting of the Committee on Tuesday.

On reporting the results of my observations in Cuba, I was greatly surprised and disappointed at the refusal of the Committee to entertain the subject at all, on the ground of want of jurisdiction. "It was a new field of missionary work," it was said, "and only the Board of Managers have the power of adopting such." All very true; but why was this not thought of at the meeting some time before, when I was given to understand, and others present received the same impression, that if I reported favorably of the prospect, after visiting Cuba, they would make an appropriation for carrying on the work.

Although a whole month would elapse before the meeting of the Board of Managers, I resolved to wait in New York for the meeting of that Board, and in the meantime issued a special edition of the account of my visit to Cuba, which I sent to every

Bishop and Clergyman of the United States, and to many of the Laity, who, as was supposed, might be interested in the work, being determined that if this important work should fail it should not be from want of the diffusion of full information through the Church respecting it.

Although only ten days had elapsed from the sending forth of this document to the meeting of the Board of Managers, as special pledges for this work between six and seven hundred dollars had in this brief period been contributed or promised, which warranted the Board, as they felt, in making a temporary appropriation for Cuba for the four months from May to September, at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum, although the Foreign Committee were nearly eighty thousand dollars in arrears, and word had been sent to all the Foreign Missionary Bishops to curtail their work, as a material reduction of the appropriations to their fields, respectively, seemed inevitable.

I further utilized my time during this sojourn in New York by summoning the Joint Committee of the General Convention on the Spanish version of the Book of Common Prayer for a revision of the same.

Though more than six years had elapsed since this Committee was appointed, with the Bishop of Florida as chairman, I had never before summoned the Committee to meet for the work of revision, because the demand for the Spanish Prayer Book had been only from the small congregations of Santiago, New York, and St. Johns, Key West, and was not sufficient, in my judgment, to justify the Prayer Book Society in incurring the very considerable expense which the necessary alteration of the plates would involve. But the prospective increase of the demand for this book from the growth of our work in Cuba, and the necessity of such modifications of the Prayers for the President of the United States and for Congress, as would adapt our offices to the use of people living under other governments than our own, whether republican or monarchical, to say nothing of the correction of many important errors in the translation, some of them involving fundamental theological doctrines, I felt that the time had come to take action in this matter of revision, which was

ly, and in the opinion of competent judges, well accomplished, for the laborious work of many days. Since then the plates have been altered by the Prayer Book Society in conformity with the results of the Committee's labors, at an expense of several hundred dollars, giving us a version of the Prayer Book in a language of which churchmen will have no occasion to be ashamed, as they had had up to the time when this revision was

A detailed report of this work will of course be made to the next General Convention under whose authority the Committee performed it.

After the meeting of the Board of Managers I at once returned to Florida.

On the third Sunday after Trinity I preached in the morning at Philip's Church, Jacksonville, and at night assisted in the service at St. John's.

On the fourth Sunday after Trinity I visited Christ Church, Jacksonville. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and at night I again preached and confirmed fifteen. On July 8th, I visited St. Mary's, Milton, and at night preached and confirmed three.

I completed my spring and summer visitations, and I immediately made arrangements to proceed to Sewanee, to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South. An extreme and prolonged illness of a near family relative delayed my leaving till the 30th of July, just in time to reach the day after the adjournment of the Board of Trustees. I resumed my lectures in the Theological Department and remained at Sewanee till the end of October.

On the 18th of October I baptized one infant, and on the first Sunday after Trinity, in the University Chapel, I inducted to the Diaconate Mr. C. B. Wilmer, who had been presented to me as a Candidate for Holy Orders by the Bishop of Alabama. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, and the sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Wilmer.

On the 6th of November I met the Board of Missions for consultation as to the Missionary work of the Diocese.

On the twenty-second Sunday after Trinity I preached in the church of the Holy Cross, Sanford.

Desiring to begin my visitations early in the Ecclesiastical year, in order to get through with them before the heat of Summer, and to give as many Sundays as possible to the different Parishes and Missions, I wrote to several of the clergy, proposing visitations of their Parishes, from all whom I received the one uniform reply that they would be most happy to receive me, but that they would wish me to make another visit towards the end of Lent, or after Easter for confirmation, as before that time they could not have their classes ready. Repeatedly in previous years have I made this same attempt to commence my visitations early, for the reasons just stated, and with the same responses precisely from the clergy. This is the result of the general scattering of our people, and in many cases of the clergy, during the four or five summer months, on account of our semi-tropical climate, and its bearing upon the efficient performance of Episcopal duties, at such times as shall be satisfactory to clergy and people, must be manifest to every one. Week-day services for Episcopal visitations for the present, at any rate, in our Diocese are scarcely available at all for the accomplishment of their desired ends. I have repeatedly tried them, and in all cases, with scarcely an exception, with the most unsatisfactory results. But with nearly fifty clergymen in the Diocese, many of whom have two or three congregations under their charge to be visited, and with only some thirty-five Sundays in the year in which the people are generally at home and the congregations compacted together, how a Bishop is to compass the visitation of all these in any one year, even if he begin at Advent, is a problem which I am unable to solve. These facts should be borne in mind by those who are disposed to complain of the infrequency of Episcopal visitations. As is generally known, I suppose, the General Canons of the Church do not require the Bishops to visit the several congregations of their respective Dioceses oftener than once in three years. Irrespective of this altogether, it is my desire, as it has always been my endeavor, so far as possible, to visit every year all the congregations of my Diocese. And with the rapid growth of the Church in Florida, and the steady multiplication of centres of Church work, in the future, if I am to approximate at all the demands of our work upon the supervision

of the Bishop, I must commence my visitations by the beginning of Advent, at the latest, the clergy from henceforth consulting the Bishop as to the time of his visitation, instead of the Bishop consulting the clergy, as heretofore, as to the time when they would be ready for him.

On the fourth Sunday in Advent, in St. John's Church, Jacksonville, I ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. Brooke G. White and the Rev. Chas. H. B. Turner, Deacons, and to the Diaconate Mr. Normand B. Harris. The Rev. C. S. Williams preached the sermon and presented the candidates for the Priesthood, and the Rev. R. H. Weller, the Rector of the Parish, presented the candidates for the Diaconate.

On Christmas Day I visited Hibernia, preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.

On the Sunday after Christmas I consecrated St. George's Church, Fort George Island, the Rev. Messrs. Kirkby, Williams and Turner being present and assisting. The Rev. Mr. Kirkby preached the consecration sermon, and at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Williams, I confirmed *three*.

On the second Sunday after Christmas I consecrated St. James' Church, Lake City, the Rev. C. S. Williams acting as my chaplain, as he had done at Fort George on the previous Sunday, and preaching the sermon, the Rev. Mr. Snowden, the Rector, being present and assisting. At night, after a sermon by Mr. Williams, I confirmed *eleven*. After service I met the congregation and revived the Woman's Auxiliary.

Tuesday, January 6th, I visited Cedar Creek and confirmed *three*.

Wednesday I visited Marguerita in the morning, but had no confirmation, Mr. Williams making an address. On the evening of the same day Messrs. Williams and Snowden held service with a sermon at Glen St. Mary's, and on the evening of the next day they held service, with a sermon, at Darbyville, I being too much indisposed to attend upon the two latter services.

The first Sunday after Epiphany I was at home, sick in bed.

On the second Sunday after Epiphany I visited St. Mark's Church, Palatka. In the morning I preached and confirmed *six*.

On the third Sunday after Epiphany I performed service and preached in Panasoffkee.

On Septuagesima Sunday I again performed service and preached in Panasoffkee, and baptized one infant.

On Quinquagesima Sunday I preached in St. Andrew's Chapel, in East Jacksonville, and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and after the service gave the Holy Communion to a sick person in private.

On Thursday, February 19th, I left home for the visitation of the southern portion of Florida and our missions in the Island of Cuba, accompanied by the General Missionary of the Diocese.

On the first Sunday in Lent I visited St. Paul's Church, Key West. In the morning I preached and confirmed *fifteen*. At night, after a sermon by Mr. Williams, I confirmed *one*.

On Tuesday, February 24th, I reached Havana, on my second visitation of our missions in Cuba. I need add nothing here to the full account of that visitation published a few weeks since in our Diocesan paper, and which you, doubtless, all have seen, but will only recapitulate here the summary of my confirmations, which were as follows: February 25th, at Jesus del Monte, *two*; February 27th, at St. Luke's, Havana, *ten*; March 1st, second Sunday in Lent, at Gethsemane Chapel, *eighty*; March 3d, at Jesus Maria y Jose, *sixty*; March 4th, at Guanabacoa, *ninety-six*; March 8th, third Sunday in Lent, at Matanzas, *seventy-four*; making in all *three hundred and twenty-five* confirmed, against one hundred and sixteen the year before, and this result was reached without any increase of laborers, it being the fruit of the healthy and steady growth of interest in our truly Catholic and Apostolic Church, keeping pace with the increase of knowledge respecting her claims, and the blessed privileges which her worship and sacraments afford to the understanding and edification of all.

On the fourth Sunday in Lent, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Williams, who rejoined me at Key West on my return from Cuba, I officiated at Palma Sola, at the mouth of the Manatee river. Considering that the settlers on that river are scattered along its banks on both sides for some eight miles from its mouth, I was quite agreeably surprised to find assembled in the

school-house at Palma Sola a congregation of over a hundred people of a manifest intelligence and culture that would compare favorably with the average congregations of our land; and, moreover, a good proportion of them, as was evident from the responses, were Church people. After Morning Prayer and a sermon by Mr. Williams, a young lady presented herself for baptism and confirmation, of whose coming I had been apprized before the beginning of service. This lady was of a Presbyterian family of the "straightest sect," who during a sojourn from home had become acquainted with and learned to love the Church, and desired to embrace this, her first opportunity of being enrolled among her members. She had come eight miles that morning in an open boat, accompanied by her father and others, and at the proper time presented herself, alone and unsupported, for holy baptism and the laying on of hands. After this service I proceeded to the celebration of the Holy Communion, at which there were over twenty recipients.

In the afternoon Mr. Williams held service and preached at Fogarty, some miles above Palma Sola, but I was too unwell to attend.

Monday, March 15th, I was, by appointment, "at home" at the residence of my host for the reception of visitors, and though the day was showery throughout, a goodly number came and some from several miles in open boats to pay their respects to me.

Tuesday, March 17th, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Williams and a servant in a buggy, I visited the Church families on the south side of the Manatee river, and Wednesday our kind host, Mr. Warburton Warner, took us in his steam yacht and visited the Church families on the north side of the Manatee for the distance of eight miles. On a former visit to Manatee, several years ago, there were only three or four Church families within a radius of ten miles. With the accession of quite a number of such within the last two or three years, it now presents a promising and important field for Church work, which I shall endeavor to have occupied by a faithful worker before next winter.

Thursday, March 19th, we proceeded from Manatee to Tampa, but from the information of the time of our expected arrival

failing to reach Mr. Weddell, who lives sixteen miles from Tampa and beyond mail facilities, we had nothing to do but to remain quietly at our hotel till his arrival, on Saturday.

On the fifth Sunday in Lent I visited St. Andrew's Church, Tampa. After Morning Prayer and a sermon by Mr. Williams, I confirmed *seven*. In the afternoon Mr. Williams conducted the service, addressed the congregation on the Missionary work of the Diocese and reorganized a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. My failure to take my accustomed portion of the services here, as at Palma Sola, was because of an almost disabling indisposition, brought on by sleeping two consecutive nights upon the cabin floor of the steamer from Havana to Tampa, with the doors all open and strong drafts in every direction. The only wonder was that with the over-fatigued condition of my system the effects of such exposure were not more serious than they were.

On Monday, March 23d, I left Tampa for Jacksonville. On reaching Sanford and going on board of the steamer, and learning that not a berth was to be had, not wishing to repeat so soon my sleeping experience from Havana to Tampa, I repaired to the hotel, to wait there for one of the next day's steamers. This proved to be a fortunate move, for at the hotel I found a lady from the Diocese of Connecticut, Mrs. Lucy A. Boardman, who had spent some months on Indian River, desired to contribute the means for the erection of two churches, and could only learn that the last known of my movements was that I was in the Island of Cuba. This lady was to leave the next day *en route* for the North, and my meeting her there and then was most opportune, as it enabled me to learn fully her wishes in this matter and to accept her benevolent and generous offer, which I did, of course, with the greatest pleasure and thankfulness.

Palm Sunday, having no special appointment, I assisted in the services of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

Easter Day, according to previous appointment, I visited the church and chapels of St. John's Parish, Jacksonville. In the morning, in St. Andrew's Chapel, East Jacksonville, I preached, confirmed *four* and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. In the af-

ternoon, in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, in Brooklyn, I preached and confirmed *seven*. At night, in St. John's Church, I preached and confirmed *fifteen*.

The first Sunday after Easter I visited the Church of the Holy Cross, Sanford, preached and confirmed *five*. In the afternoon I visited the newly-erected church at Enterprise, preached and confirmed *four*. I was greatly gratified at the satisfactory results of Mr. Carpenter's well directed and persevering labors, both at Sanford and Enterprise, seconded, as he has efficiently been, by his faithful Assistant, the Rev. Mr. Turquand. The church at Enterprise, with its large and eligibly situated lot, is entirely the result of Mr. Carpenter's efforts during the last two or three years. The edifice is about completed, with windows, furniture, and organ, and all other requisites, and the Mission is self-sustaining from its very beginning. A considerable number of Church people of wealth from the North habitually make Enterprise their winter home, which gives promise of the adequate support of the Mission in the future.

On Monday, April 13th, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Carpenter, I started for Indian River, on a tour of observation to decide upon the location of the churches which Mrs. Boardman had furnished me with the means to erect, to ascertain what were the facilities and probable expense of building as to material, labor, etc., and to take such preliminary steps thereto as might be found practicable. We reached Melbourne, three miles below Eau Gallie, one of the places designated by Mrs. Boardman at which she desired the erection of a church, on Friday, April 17th. The day following was most diligently improved by Mr. Carpenter in exploring the neighborhood, visiting the people, and collecting all the information possible bearing upon the future of a church enterprise. He learned that the money was in hand for the purchase of four acres as a site for the church and rectory, and that there were some twenty communicants of the Church within a radius of three or four miles.

On Sunday we held service in the hotel, and, although the day was rainy and the wind so high and boisterous that one could not sail in an open boat without becoming thoroughly drenched with sea-water, a congregation of some fifty persons as-

sembled, who proved to be nearly all Church people, some of whom informed us that a large majority of the settlers on the river are of our communion, and that those who are not will joytully welcome the establishment of our services, as they are almost entirely destitute of all religious privileges. After the Morning Service I made a brief address to the people, which was followed by a most admirable Easter sermon from the Rev. Mr. Carpenter. We were both much impressed with the prospective openings for efficient Church work in the near future, the present outlook indicating that within the next three or four years as many churches will be erected, and quite possibly twice as many, on the lower portion of Indian River.

After service and dinner, by the courtesy of some members of the congregation, who had a large boat with a commodious cabin in which we could keep dry, we sailed for the residence of Mrs. Stevens, a Church lady from Detroit, who has recently settled there, where, on Monday, I united her daughter in marriage to a gentleman from Georgia, after which Mr. Carpenter baptized the infant child of a neighbor of Mrs. Stevens. After dinner we left for Rock Ledge, and the day after we left for Sanford, and the day after that I reached home.

On the third Sunday after Easter I performed service and preached in St. Andrew's Church, East Jacksonville.

On the fourth Sunday after Easter I visited St. Philip's (colored) Church, Jacksonville, preached and confirmed *seven*. I was much gratified at the improved condition of this congregation. It has fully doubled in all the essential elements of strength during the past year.

This brings up the narrative of my visitations to the present time.

There are some matters of general interest which especially demand the consideration of the Council at its present session.

The first in importance is the financial condition of the Diocese. As this is a matter that so directly concerns me personally, I leave it to the Finance Committee to acquaint you with the facts of the case. I may, however, make a suggestion or two in the interest of the Church in Florida. With the record of the Diocese in the matter of the support of the Episcopate, from the time that

it first had a Bishop up to this present, I know not what assurance it could give, in case of the sudden death of the present incumbent, of any competent support to the one who should be called as his successor. And more than this, an Assistant Bishop will be a necessity in the very near future, if the Church is to keep pace with the growth of the State. The geographical area of Florida is more than ten thousand square miles larger than that of the State of New York, and nearly as large as all New England. A division of the Diocese, as matters now stand and as indications now point as to the future development of the State, is out of the question. The election of an Assistant Bishop as soon as his support can be provided for, is the only thing that can be done to meet our necessities. The appointment of a General Missionary is a most timely and valuable aid in the accomplishment of the Church's work, my appreciation of which I could scarcely overstate, but an Assistant Bishop in his place would be far better. But why talk of another Bishop with the disgraceful record of the Diocese as it now stands as to meeting its pledges and obligations to its present Bishop, as well as to his predecessor in office. I sincerely hope that ere long a better state of things may be brought about.

The Woman's Auxiliary, I am glad to be able to say, has during the past year fully sustained its previous record. Its great importance as our chief reliance for the Missionary work of the Diocese I have so fully spoken of in previous addresses that I need not add anything here.

The University of the South, too, and its claims upon our support as the only Church institution in all the Southern States, I have abundantly spoken of in previous addresses, and would only say here that I trust that as a Diocese we shall not fail to do what is reasonably expected of us towards its support.

Through the Presiding Bishop of the Church in the United States, the following letters have reached me from the Arch-Bishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishops of the Church in Scotland :

WILMINGTON, June 19, 1884.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Florida :

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST—I herewith communicate to you copies of important communications just received from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

Respectfully yours,

ALFRED LEE, *Presiding Bishop.*

LAMBETH PALACE, S. E., June 4, 1884.

My Dear Brother and Bishop :

It appears that the Bishops of the American and of Colonial Churches, not ordained by Bishops in England, are required to obtain permission to officiate and preach in England.

I desire to express to you, and to the rest of the Episcopate through you, the wish that such formalities should be rendered as little irksome as possible, and that the utmost courtesy should be observed towards visitors who are so welcome.

I shall be, therefore, obliged to you if you will communicate to any Bishops who may be coming to England, and wishing to preach or officiate in this Province, that I would gladly receive them in person (whenever it is possible) for the purpose of making the statutory declaration, and delivering to them the necessary papers.

I remain, my dear Bishop, your faithful brother in Christ.

[Signed]

EDW. CANTAUR.

To the Rt. Reverend the Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America.

BISHOPTHORPE, YORK, 5th June, 1884.

My Dear Bishop :

I understand from the Bishop of Algoma that the formalities required by the English law, in the case of American Bishops officiating in England, appeared to the American Bishops inhospitable and over-cautious.

You are no doubt aware that we have no power to alter the law; but we certainly have every disposition to avoid whatever may give pain and offence to brethren whom we much respect. I beg, therefore, to intimate through you my hearty readiness to receive in person any one of your Bishops who may wish to officiate in the Province of York, and to take the necessary declaration from him personally and in a manner as little formal as possible.

Wishing you every blessing from the Almighty, I am ever your affectionate brother in Christ.

[Signed]

W. EBOR.

The Right. Rev. the Presiding Bishop of the American Church.

WILMINGTON, DEL., November 29, 1884.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Florida :

MY DEAR BROTHER—It gives me much pleasure to communicate to you the accompanying letter of brotherly sympathy and congratulation from the Scottish Bishops received by the hands of the Bishop of Connecticut.

Very sincerely yours,

ALFRED LEE, *Presiding Bishop.*

To the Right Reverend, the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America :

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN—We cannot refrain from sending to you, through our beloved Brother in Christ, the Bishop of Connecticut, who has so lately been the bearer to us of your fraternal address at our Centenary of the Consecration at Aberdeen, a few words of brotherly sympathy and congratulations from ourselves at your own Commemoration of the same event, so interesting and so important in our common history.

The presence amongst us at the time of our Centenary of five of your own number with some of your most distinguished Clergy, enabled us to realize more fully than at any former time, and made more manifest than before, how real, and of how great benefit to the Church, is that living spiritual union between the Church in Scotland and the Church in America which, through God's good Providence, was originally formed a century ago by the consecration of Bishop Seabury. We have been strengthened more than words can express, not only by seeing face to face those whom, before, most of our Scottish Churchmen only knew by name, but whose names are now household words amongst us, but also by the evidence of the graces and gifts of God's Spirit bestowed on them, by their distinct and emphatic testimony to the same Catholic Faith and Doctrine as we have received, by the counsel we have taken with them on questions of common interest to the Church in both countries, and by those acts of brotherly fellowship and communion in our one Lord Jesus Christ, for which our only too brief intercourse gave us opportunities.

We feel assured that we may henceforth hope to have a larger share in your sympathies, and in your prayers, as we trust, also, you may have in ours. And we cannot but regard it as a call on us from God Himself for increased steadfastness and faithfulness in the trust committed to our charge, and for abounding more and more both in zeal and in charity, that He has set before us, for our encouragement, the great blessing graciously vouchsafed to your branch of the Church, through the apostol-

ical ministry, which, in the first instance, you received at the hands of Scottish Bishops—a blessing manifested in the marvellous fruitfulness, and almost unparalleled increase of the spiritual seed sown amongst you, and not less (we are persuaded by that which we hear of you) in that unity and godly concord amongst yourselves, maintained notwithstanding your past trials as a nation, in which so much of your strength lies, and which affords its witness to the world without of Christ's presence and power in the midst of you.

To Him who is the Father of our one Lord Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us by the same precious blood of His dear Son, and united us in one body by the same Spirit, be all the glory and praise and thanksgiving for His manifold gifts to us in Christ. In Him we affectionately wish you farewell, and pray for the continued increase of His gifts to the Church, both in your own country and in ours.

Signed (by authority) for The Right Reverend Robert Eden, D.D.,
Bishop of Moray, Ross, and Caithness, Primus.

(in his own name, and in behalf of) The Right Reverend Henry
Cotterill, D. D., Bishop of Edinburgh,

The Right Reverend William S. Wilson, LL. D., Bishop of
Glasgow and Galloway.

The Right Reverend Hugh Willoughby Jermyn, D. D., Bishop
of Brechin.

The Right Reverend, The Hon. A. G. Douglas, D. D., Bishop of
Aberdeen and Orkney, and

The Right Reverend J. R. A. Chinnery—Haldane, Bishop of
Argyle and The Isles.

Robert A. Eden, M. A.; Commissary for the Primus.

Eden Court, Inverness, All Saints' Day, 1884.

In January last I received the following letter from one who, until his defection, was one of our clergy :

PLYMOUTH, Wis., January 20th, 1885.

The Right Reverend J. F. Young, D. D.:

MY DEAR BISHOP—When I wrote to you, a year ago, I was, as you may perhaps remember, in England, connected with a community called the Society of St. John the Evangelist. I have at last joined the Roman Catholics. This is where the Ritualists ought, if they are consistent, to land. I presume the step I have taken does not at all surprise you, who must have watched the so-called Catholic movement and seen its tendency. That tendency, I think I may be permitted to say, is, first, a disloyalty to the standards of the Episcopal Church, a strange forced interpretation of the Articles, and a thoroughly incon-

sistent position. When these facts were clearly appreciated I broke away and went where I really belonged, and where I have found at last my true home.

With best wishes for your happiness and prosperity, I remain,
my dear Bishop, Yours faithfully in Christ,

W. B. HUSON.

Since the last meeting of our Diocesan Council I have given my canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. S. D. Ferguson as Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas, Africa, the Rev. Wm. J. Boone, as Missionary Bishop at Shanghai, China, the Rev. Wm. Paret, D. D., as Bishop of Maryland, and the Rev. George Worthington, S. T. D., as Bishop of Nebraska.

I have given letters Dimissory transferring the Rev. H. B. S. Martin to the Diocese of New Jersey, the Rev. C. W. Ward to the Diocese of Northern New Jersey, the Rev. John McNabb to the Diocese of Virginia, the Rev. Francis J. Clayton to the Diocese of Northern New Jersey, and the Rev. R. H. Weller, Jr., Deacon, to the Diocese of Wisconsin.

I have received into the Diocese by letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Indiana, the Rev. F. B. Dunham and the Rev. Jesse R. Bicknell, and from the Assistant Bishop of New York the Rev. F. N. Luson.

I have received notice of the deposition from the ministry of the Rev. Charles Center Hahn by the Bishop of Quincy, of the Rev. Edwin Benedict by the Bishop of Minnesota, of the Rev. Alexander B. Crawford by the Bishop of Pennsylvania, of the Rev. Edward G. Perryman by the Bishop of Easton, of the Rev. Alexander S. Berkley by the Bishop of Virginia, of the Rev. Herbert M. Andrews and the Rev. Jas. S. Fenton by the Assistant Bishop of New York, and of the Rev. N. E. Conrington by the Missionary Bishop of Western Texas.

I appoint the Rev. C. S. Williams an Examining Chaplain, in the place of the Rev. Dr. Carter, who has resigned that office.

I appoint the Rev. S. B. Carpenter Archdeacon of South Florida.

I appoint the Rev. C. F. D. Lyne as Preacher for the next meeting of the Council, and the Rev. A. W. Knight as his substitute.

JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG,

Bishop of Florida.

APPENDIX B.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

TRINITY CHURCH, ST. AUGUSTINE.

No. of families, unknown. Persons not so included, unknown. Total of persons, unknown. Lay Readers, none. Total Baptisms, 13. Communicants—Present number (estimated) 70. Marriages, 8. Burials, 9. Sunday-school Teachers, 8; scholars, 60.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Total of values.....\$25,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Total contributions (alms)..... \$5,000 00

REMARKS.—The Rector has been in charge for four months; owing to this and other causes not necessary to specify, the report is very incomplete. The actual statistics are larger than above stated.

EDWD. L. BROWN, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA.

No. of families, 80. Persons not included, 150. Total of persons, 500. Lay readers, 2. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 24; total, 25. Confirmed—No visitation. Communicants—Number last reported, 202; admitted, 2; added by removal, 3; lost by removal, 6; present number, 201. Marriages, 10. Burials, 10. Sunday-school Teachers, 10; scholars, 150. Parish School Teachers, 2; scholars, 52. No. of services, 309. Holy Communion—Times, 40.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and grounds.....\$15,000 00
School Property..... 1,800 00
Other Property..... 1,000 00

Total of Values.....\$17,800 00
Insurance..... 5,700 00
Indebtedness..... 200 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Assessment	\$ 2,000 00
Donations	240 00
the South	89 55
Memory	46 15
	1,006 74
	200 00

Contributions, \$ 4,000 13

Things, 450.

J. J. SCOTT, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TALLAHASSEE.

miles, 62. Persons not so included, 22. Total of
Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 5; total, 6. Com-
municants—Number last reported, 110; added by removal, 6;
total, 14; present number, 102. Marriages, 3. Sun-
day-school Teachers, 8; scholars, 65. No. of ser-
mons—Holy Communion—Times, 86.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Land and Grounds	\$10,000 00
	4,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Assessment	\$ 1,500 00
Donations	30 00
	45 00
	6 00
ry Fund	10 00
the Month	12 00
Alms	47 50

Contributions \$ 1,630 50

Things, 400.

W. H. CARTER, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE,

miles, 250. Persons not so included, 190. Total of
30. Lay readers, 5. Baptisms—Adults, 6; infants,
1. Confirmed, 35. Communicants—Number last re-
ported, 30; added by removal, 37; lost by re-
moval by death, 5; present number, 411. Marriages,
3, 19. Sunday-school Teachers, 66; scholars, 447.
Persons, 415. Holy Communion—Times, 58.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Land and Grounds	\$45,000 00
Buildings	4,000 00
Property	4,000 00
	6,000 00
Values	\$63,000 00
	25,000 00

APPENDIX B.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 3,548 04
Diocesan Assessment.....	400 00
Diocesan Missions.....	951 04
Sunday-school Offerings.....	985 82
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	64 41
University of the South.....	46 12
Communion Alms.....	228 47
Other Purposes (Chapels).....	627 12
Total Contributions.....	\$ 7,031 32

No. of Sittings (Church and Chapels), 1,200.

REMARKS.—This report includes the Missions of St. John's Church, (*i. e.*) St. Andrew's, East Jacksonville; Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, and St. Stephen's, La Villa, which have been served by the Rev. N. B. Harris and the Rev. J. R. Bicknell, Assistant Ministers of the Parish.

R. H. WELLER, Rector.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FERNANDINA.

No. of families, 39. Persons not so included, 20. Total of persons, 171. Lay readers, 2. Baptism—Adults, 1; Infants, 13; Total, 14. Communicants—Number last reported, 63; Admitted, 4; Lost by death, 1; Present number, 68. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Sunday-school teachers, 7. Sunday-school scholars, 50. No. of services, 146. Holy Communion—Times, 23.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$11,000 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	2,500 00
Other Property.....	800 00
Total of Values.....	\$14,300 00
Insurance	9,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 1,906 86
Diocesan Assessment.....	125 00
Diocesan Missions.....	90 00
Domestic Missions.....	8 84
University of the South.....	27 00
Other Purposes.....	1,352 34
Total Contributions.....	\$ 3,558 04

No. of Sittings, 300.

O. P. THACKARA, Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 140. Persons not so included, 38. Total of persons, 738. Lay readers, 1. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 49; total, 51. Confirmed, 14. Communicants—Number last reported, 139; admitted, 13; lost by removal, 2; lost by death, 3;

present number, 147. Marriages, 22. Burials, 31. Sunday-school teachers, 40. Sunday-school scholars, 290. No. of services, 149. Holy Communion—Times, 16.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 8,313 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	4,470 00
Total of Values	\$12,783 00
Indebtedness.....	469 79

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial—Rector's Fund, \$1,200; Organ Fund, \$1,200.....	\$ 2,400 00
Diocesan Assessment for 2 years to 1884.....	300 00
Diocesan Missions.....	35 54
Domestic Missions.....	3 16
Other Purposes.....	11 15
Total Contributions.....	\$ 2,749 85

No. of Sitzings, 443.

REMARKS.—The falling off in the numbers of Sunday-school teachers and scholars is in a great measure attributable to the epidemic which has been prevailing for some weeks. The deficiency in number of sittings arises from removal of sittings to make room for new organ.

CHAS. F. D. LYNE, Rector.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PALATKA.

No. of families, 39. Persons not so included, 20. Total of persons, 187. Lay readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 7; total, 7. Confirmed, 6. Communicants—Number last reported, 55; admitted, 6; added by removal, 18; lost by death, 2; present number, 77. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5. Sunday-school teachers, 9; scholars, 72. Parish School Teachers, 3; scholars, 89. No. of services, 202. Holy Communion—Times, 24.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 4,500 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	4,500 00
School Property.....	3,200 00
Total of Values.....	\$12,200 00
Insurance	5,100 00
Indebtedness	1,200 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 1,135 51
Diocesan Assessment	115 00
Diocesan Missions	102 40
Domestic Missions	10 50
University of the South.....	30 00
Other Purposes.....	1,000 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 2,393 41

No. of Sitzings, 250.

REMARKS.—In this report is included the work of St. Philip's Chapel, a work among the colored people. The one thousand dollars included under "Other Purposes" is the generous donation of a lady from the North, who has become interested in the schools of the parish. Owing to the very disastrous fire which occurred in November last, the income of the parish has fallen off somewhat.

A. W. KNIGHT, Minister in Charge.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTICELLO.

No. of families, 10. Persons not so included, 3. Baptisms—Infants, 1. Communicants—Present number, 33. Burials, 1. No. of services—Sermons and lectures, 83. Holy Communion—Times, 6.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

*Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 500 00
†Other Property.....	8,450 00
Total of Values.....	\$ 8,950 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Missions—Jews	2 00
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REMARK.—*This includes only the Church grounds; the building is in course of erection.

†This includes \$7,000 in Jefferson County Bonds, \$1,100 loaned on mortgage security and one town lot valued at \$250.

On the 2d of January I assumed the duty of officiating minister at Monticello, and accepted the Rectorship on the 1st of May, 1885.

ROBERT T. ROCHE, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, GAINESVILLE.

No. of families, 31. Persons not so included, 60. Total of persons, 250. Lay readers, 1. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 3; total, 4. Communicants—Number last reported, 65; admitted, 22; present number, 87. Burials, 3. Sunday-school Teachers, 7; scholars, 55. No. of services, 117. Holy Communion—Times, 22.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$5,000 00
Rectory Grounds	2,000 00
Other Property	500 00
Total of Values	\$7,500 00
Insurance	1,750 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 683 00
Diocesan Assessment	40 00
Diocesan Missions	46 00
Domestic Missions	22 08
Disabled Clergy Fund	20 40
University of the South	20 00
Rectory Fund	941 00
Total Contributions	\$1,773 38

No. of Sitzings, 160.

REMARKS.—This report covers time from the beginning of my Rectorship, November 1st, 1884—six months. The activity, earnestness and liberality of the Parish deserves special mention. We shall hope in another year to make our good works more apparent in matters outside of the Parish. A Rectory is now under contract, one half the money being already in hand. Surplised Choir and Woman's Auxiliary in good working order.

FRANCIS B. DUNHAM, Rector.

TRINITY AND ST. LUKE'S CHURCHES, APALACHICOLA AND MARI-ANNA.

No. of families, 67. Persons not so included, 50. Total of persons, 450. Baptisms—Infants, 8; total, 8. Communicants—Number last reported, 77; admitted, 6; added by removal, 5; lost by removal, lost by death, 1; present number, 85. Marriages, 6. Burials, 8. Sunday school Teachers, 14; scholars, 90. No of services. E Communion—Times. 43.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds, and \$2,200	\$6,700 00
Total of Values, \$4,500 and \$2,200	\$5,700 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial, \$300 and \$150	\$ 450 00
Disabled Clergy Fund, \$1.25 and \$1.25	2 50
Communion Alms, \$25 and \$10	35 00
Other Purposes, \$175 and \$50.	225 00
Total Contributions, \$501.25 and \$211.25	\$ 712 50

No. of sittings, 350 and 100—450.

REMARKS.—No blank being sent for Marianna, both are included in on this sheet. There seems considerable revival of interest since beginning of Lent. The Parishes, being recipients of Missionary aid, do not think it proper that they should raise Missionary contributions. I am hoping to get something for Diocesan Fund.

C. A. APPLE, Missionary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MILTON.

No. of families, 19. Persons not so included, 3. Total persons, 76. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 3; total, 4. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Number last reported, 18; added by removal, 2; lost by removal, 2; present number, 18. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Sunday-school Teachers, 3; scholars, 30. No. of Services, 78. Holy Communion—Times, 1.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$2,500 00
Other Property	350 00
Total of Values	\$2,850 00
Insurance.	1,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Assessment.	\$ 40 00
University of the South	5 00

No. of Sitzings, 150.

REMARKS.—The report sent to the Council was perfect. It was unfortunately mislaid and the present report has been made in haste, amidst the confusion of papers, etc., caused by the late fire at this place.

CHAS. E. McDOUGAL, Minister.

GRACE CHURCH, OCALA.

No. of families, 30. Persons not so included, about 100. Total of persons, about 130. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 2; total, 2. Communicants—Number last reported, 55; present number, 50. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Sunday-school Teachers, 5; scholars, 30.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$2,000 00
Total of Values	\$2,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 106 17
Diocesan Assessment	80 00
Diocesan Missions	6 30
University of the South	14 13
Other Purposes	220 00
Total Contributions	\$ 817 20

REMARKS.—Unable to verify figures given by my predecessor in last report. Have been in charge only since November, 1884, and unable therefore to furnish all the items called for in report. Diocesan Assessment \$80, includes \$40 due on last year.

C. B. WILMER, Minister.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 60. Persons not so included, 180. Total of persons, 270. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 58. Communicants—Number last reported, 60; added by removal, 7; lost by death, 3; present number, 50. Marriages, 53. Burials, 54. Sunday-school Teachers, 2; scholars, 58. No. of services, 49. Holy Communion—Times, 4.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

None reported.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

None reported.

J. B. BAEZ, Rector.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LAKE CITY.

No. of families, 22. Persons not so included, 18. Total of persons, 108. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 5; total, 6. Confirmed, 11. Communicants—Admitted, 11; added by removal, 4; present number, 37. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday-school Teachers, 6; scholars, 44. Parish-school Teachers, 2; scholars, 24. No. of services, 52. Holy Communion—Times 26.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$2,500 00
Other Property	125 00
Total of values	\$2,625 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$113 16
Diocesan Missions	4 68
Domestic Missions	4 68
Foreign Missions	4 68
Communion Alms	14 67
Other Purposes	26 00
Total Contributions	\$166 87

No. of Sitzings, 150.

REMARKS.—From Easter A. D. 1884 to Easter A. D. 1885.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

CHRIST CHURCH, CEDAR KEY.

No. of families, 36. Persons not so included, 20. Total of persons, 160. Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 5; total, 8. Communicants—Number last reported, 54; admitted, 1; added by removal, 2; lost, 9; present number, 48. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday-school Teachers, 6; scholars, 75. No. of services, 160. Holy Communions—Times, 16.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$3,500 00
Rectory and Grounds	800 00
Total of values	\$4,300 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$1,100 00
Diocesan Assessment	50 00
Diocesan Missions	12 10
University of the South	8 50
Total Contributions	\$1,170 00

No. of Sitzings, 250.

REMARKS.—The above figures show but little of the work done in the Parish during the past year. A rectory worth \$800 has just been completed, and all the Church property has been neatly and substantially fenced, at but a trifle of money outlay by the Parish.

Rosewood Mission.—No. of families, 9. Communicants, 10. Weekly services.

Bronson Mission.—No. of families, 8. Communicants, 9. Monthly services.

Many Church families have removed. All the Church members have removed from Gulf Hammock. No services there the past year.

WM. WILSON, Rector and Missionary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MADISON.

No. of families, 7. Persons not so included, 1. Total of persons, 20. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Number last reported, 15; added by removal, 1; lost, 3; present number, 15. There are only 5 children connected with the Church within a radius of six miles of Madison. No. of services, 76. Holy Communion—Times, 14.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$1,000 00
Insurance	800 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$1 00
Other Purposes	185 00

No. of Sitzings, 100.

REMARKS.—I officiated once at Greenville, three times at Quincy; also, twenty-four times at Lloyd's Station, from which I received \$60. Celebrated the Holy Communion twelve times. There are six communicants connected with the mission. I also held one service at Waukegan.

JOHN BLYMAN, Missionary.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, SANFORD.

No. of families, 42. Persons not so included, 37. Total of persons, 144. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 15; total, 16. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Number last reported, 58; admitted, 7; added by removal, 29; lost by removal, 22; present number, 62. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2. Sunday-school Teachers, 2; scholars, 16. No. of Services, 107. Holy Communion—Times, 25.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$1,500 00
Rectory and Grounds	3,000 00
Total of Values.	\$7,500 00
Indebtedness	918 54

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 640 50
Diocesan Assessment	20 00
Diocesan Missions	13 00
Communion Alms	83 19
Other Purposes	600 00
Total Contributions	\$1,356 69

No. of Sitzings, 150.

REMARKS.—A considerable sum has been expended on Church and rectory during the last year, increasing their values.

T. B. CARPENTER, Rector.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, MANDARIN.

No. of families, 33. Persons not so included, 22. Total of persons, 135. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Number last reported, 32; admitted, 1; added by removal, 10; lost by removal, 3; present number, 40. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday-school Teachers, 3; scholars, 10. No. of Services, 90. Holy Communion—Times, 9.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$2,800 00
Total of Values	\$2,800 00
Insurance	2,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 643 07
Diocesan Assessment	20 00
Diocesan Missions	8 00
Domestic Missions	9 00
Foreign Missions	6 00
Disabled Clergy Fund	13 25
University of the South	6 00
Other Purposes	79 08
Total Contributions	\$ 784 88

No. of Sitzings, 170.

C. M. STURGES, Rector.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, TAMPA.

Total of persons, 41. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 6; total, 8. Confirmed, 7. Communicants—Number last reported, 19; admitted, 17; added by removal, 6; lost by removal, 6; *present number, 36. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. Sunday school Teachers, 4; scholars, 20.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,900 00
Total of Values	\$2,900 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 272 87
Diocesan Assessment.....	10 00
Domestic Missions.....	1 22
Communion Alms	33 50
Other Purposes, work among Jews.	8 20
Total Contributions	\$ 320 90

No. of Sitzings, 129.

REMARKS.—Other work has been discontinued for the present in order to give full time to Tampa. This plan of operation being adopted in accordance with the judgment of the Bishop.

*A few (7) from the smaller missions are included in this list, since that work has ceased.

Up to Easter, services were divided between, first two, then three places, Tampa having the most, no exact record was kept, and the number cannot be given with anything like accuracy.

J. H. WEDDELL, Rector.

HOLY COMFORTER CHURCH, CRESCENT CITY.

No. of families, 9. Persons not so included, 8. Total of persons, 34. Communicants—Number last reported, 12; added by removal, 2; present number, 14. No. of services, 27. Holy Communion—Times, 11.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$1,150 00
Total of values	\$ 1,150 00
Insurance	800 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$168 67
Diocesan Assessment.....	13 50
Diocesan Missions	91 86
University of the South.....	10 00
Other Purposes	191 26
Total Contributions	\$473 29

No. of Sitzings, 100.

REMARKS.—The Rev. A. W. Knight served this Mission up to First Sunday in Advent; the Rev. John Gass from Advent

to Ash Wednesday. Weekly services were given by the Rev. Mr. Knight during Lent. The interior of the church has been neatly painted. The common glass panes have been replaced by cathedral glass, making a material improvement.

C. S. WILLIAMS, General Missionary.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, SAN MATEO.

No. of families, 10. Persons not so included, 1. Total of persons, 30. Communicants—Number last reported, 12; lost, by removal, 2; present number, 10. No. of services, 46. Holy Communion—Times, 10.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$1,300 00
Total of values	\$1,300 00
Insurance	800 00

CONTRIBUTI NS.

Parochial	\$166 67
Diocesan Assessment,	13 50
Diocesan Missions	27 51
University of the South	17 48
Other Purposes (Jewish Missions)	1 00
Total Contributions	\$226 16

No. of Sitzings, 100.

REMARKS.—The Rev. A. W. Knight was the Missionary up to the First Sunday in Advent; the Rev. John Gass was in charge from Advent to Ash Wednesday. During Lent occasional services were given by the Rev. Mr. Knight. The tower has been completed and an excellent bell has been hung in it. The exterior of the church has been thoroughly painted.

C. S. WILLIAMS, General Missionary.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WELAKA.

No. of families, 8. Persons not so included, 2. Total of persons, 25. Communicants—Number last reported, 9; lost, 1; present number, 8. Marriages, 1. Sunday-school Teachers, 3; scholars, 18. No. of services, 20. Holy Communion—Times, 9.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.	\$800 00
Total of values	\$800 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.	\$31 20
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No. of Sitzings, 90.

REMARKS.—The Rev. A. W. Knight ministered up to Advent; the Rev. John Gass from Advent to Lent.

C. S. WILLIAMS, General Missionary.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, MARGARETTA.

No. of families, 8. Persons not so included, 1. Total of persons, 39. Baptisms—Adults 1; infants, 1; total, 2. Communicants—Present number, 5. Marriages, 1. No. of Services, 19. Holy Communion—Times, 17.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$500 00
Other Property	100 00
Total of Values	\$600 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 72 30
Other Purposes	41 00
Total Contributions	\$113 30

No. of Sitzings, 75.

REMARKS.—From Easter, 1884, to Easter, 1885—Glen St. Mary, 4 services; Offerings, \$11.01; Holy Communion—Times, 2. Darbyville—Services, 12; Offerings, \$2.05; Holy Communion—Times, 3; Baptisms, 3; Marriages, 1.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CEDAR CREEK.

No. of families, 17. Persons not so included, 2. Total of persons, 96. Baptisms—Infants, 9; total, 9. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Admitted, 3; present number, 26. Sunday-school Teachers, 2; scholars, 35. No. of Services, 13. Holy Communion—Times, 9.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$150 00
Total of Values	\$150 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 3 45
Diocesan Missions	1 95
Other Purposes	4 95
Total Contributions	\$ 10 35

No. of Sitzings, 60.

REMARKS.—From Easter, 1884, to Easter, 1885.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FEDERAL POINT.

No. of families, 9. Persons not so included, 4. Total of persons, 30. Lay Readers, 1. Communicants—Number last reported, 10; present number, 10. Sunday-school Teachers, 5; scholars, 25. No. of Services, 40. Holy Communion—Times, 2.

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VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$1,200 00
Total Values	\$1,200 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Assessment.	\$ 13 50
Diocesan Missions	13 65
Total Contributions	\$ 27 15

No. of Sitzings, 125.

REMARKS.—Services have been conducted for the most part by a Lay Reader.

C. S. WILLIAMS, General Missionary.

GRACE CHURCH, ORANGE PARK.

No. of families, 11. Persons not so included, 6. Total persons, 22. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 3; total, 3. Communicants—Number last reported, 12; added by removal, 4; lost by removal, 2; present number, 14. Burials, 1. Sunday-school Teachers, 2; scholars, 12. No. of Services, Sunday mornings and holy days. Holy Communion—Times, monthly.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds	\$1,500 00
Total of Values	\$1,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 20 00
Diocesan Assessment.	15 00
University of the South	2 00
Total Contributions	\$ 37 00

No. of Sitzings, 100.

REMARKS.—Am happy to state that since my last report we have succeeded not only in comfortably seating our chapel, but also have added a lectern reading-desk and carpet for chancel. We have also our lot fenced and planted to trees.

O. TAYLOR, Missionary.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ENTERPRISE.

No. of families, 13. Persons not so included, 2. Total of persons, 33. Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 4; total, 7. Confirmed, 4. Communicants—Number last reported, 12; admitted, 4; added by removal, 1; present number, 18. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. No. of services, since November 21st, 70. Holy Communion—Times, 8.

10. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Council, unless seconded, and if required, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

11. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

13. Every member who shall be present when the question is put, shall vote, unless excused by the Council.

14. When the Council is about to arise, or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the chair. .

15. The foregoing rules shall be read by the Secretary at the opening of every Council, immediately after prayer.

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ARTICLE II

SECTION I

1. The business of the Council shall be determined by the Council.
2. When the Council shall be called to order, the President shall preside, and the Secretary shall read the minutes of the last meeting.
3. The order of business of the Council shall be as follows:
 - a. The report of the President of the Council of the previous year.
 - b. The report of the Secretary of the Council of the previous year.
 - c. The report of the Treasurer of the Council of the previous year.
 - d. The report of the Committee on Finance of the Council of the previous year.
 - e. The report of the Committee on Education of the Council of the previous year.
 - f. The report of the Committee on Social Service of the Council of the previous year.
 - g. The report of the Committee on Church Extension of the Council of the previous year.
 - h. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions of the Council of the previous year.
 - i. The report of the Committee on General Administration of the Council of the previous year.
 - j. The report of the Committee on the Council of the previous year.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or propose any matter to the Council, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point at debate.
5. No member shall absent himself from the sittings of the Council, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Council.
7. The Council shall vote by orders, whenever one Clergyman or the Deputation from one Parish may require it.
8. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the Journal.
9. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Council, and shall not be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Council; *provided always*, that any member of the Council voting in the majority may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move a reconsideration of said vote.

- The Rev. W. H. MILNES,
Missionary at Zellwood, etc.
- The Rev. J. H. WEDDELL,
Rector St. Andrew's Church, Tampa.
- The Rev. S. B. CARPENTER,
Rector of Holy Cross Church, Sanford.
- The Rev. W. J. O'BRIEN,
Missionary at Waldo, etc.
- The Rev. JOHN B. LINN,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Key West.
- The Rev. ROBERT B. WOLESLEY,
DeLand.
- The Rev. WILLIAM WILLSON,
Rector of Christ Church, Cedar Key.
- The Rev. F. R. HOLEMAN,
Missionary at Longwood.
- The Rev. C. A. APPLE,
Missionary at Apalachicola and Marianna.
- The Rev. F. B. DUNHAM,
Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville.
- The Rev. E. L. DROWN,
Rector of Trinity Church, St. Augustine.
- The Rev. N. B. HARRIS,
Missionary at St. Mary's Church, Madison.
- The Rev. BROOKE G. WHITE,
St. Philip's Church, Jacksonville.
- The Rev. J. B. C. BEAUBIEN,
Missionary at Eustis and Leesburg.
- The Rev. R. T. ROCHE, D. D.,
Rector Christ Church, Monticello.
- The Rev. J. R. BICKNELL,
Assistant Minister, St. John's Church, Jacksonville.
- The Rev. C. E. McDOUGALL,
Missionary at St. Mary's Church, Milton.
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- The Rev. C. B. WILMER,
Rector of Grace Church, Ocala.
- The Rev. A. W. KNIGHT, JR.,
Rector St. Andrew's Church, East Jacksonville.
- The Rev. CHARLES D. BARBOUR,
Rector of St. Luke's Church, Orlando.
- The Rev. G. H. WARD,
Missionary at Crescent City, etc.
- The Rev. C. D. MACK,
Missionary, DeLand.
- The Rev. C. F. A. BIELBY,
DeLand.
- The Rev. G. S. FITZHUGH,
Missionary at Bartow.
- The Rev. C. W. ARNOLD,
Orlando.

LIST OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

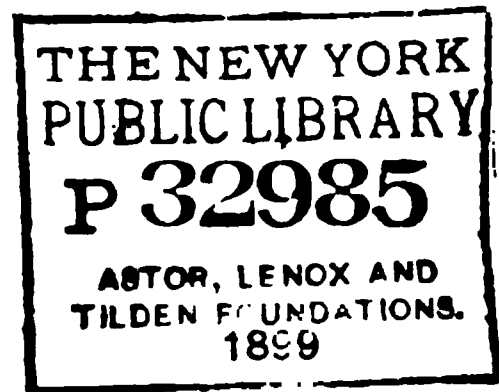
PARISHES.

Christ Church.....	Pensacola
St. Peter's Church.....	Fernandina
St. John's Church.....	Jacksonville
Trinity Church.....	St. Augustine
St. John's Church.....	Tallahassee
St. Mark's Church.....	Palatka
St. Paul's Church.....	Key West
Christ Church.....	Cedar Key
St. John's Church.....	Key West
Holy Trinity.....	Gainesville
Trinity Church.....	Apalachicola
Christ Church.....	Monticello
St. Mary's Church.....	Milton
Grace Church.....	Ocala
St. Andrew's Church.....	Tampa
Holy Cross.....	Sanford

Church of Our Saviour.....	Mandarin
St. James' Church.....	Lake City
St. Luke's Church.....	Marianna
St. Mary's.....	Madison
St. Mark's.....	Daytona
St. Luke's.....	Orlando
St. Andrew's.....	East Jacksonville

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

Grace Church.....	Orange Park
St. Margaret's.....	Hibernia
St. Barnabas.....	DeLand
St. Paul's Church.....	Federal Point
Holy Comforter's Church.....	Crescent City
St. Matthew's Church.....	San Mateo
Christ Church.....	Longwood
St. John's.....	Balmoral
St. James'.....	Leesburg
St. Philip's.....	Jacksonville
St. Philip's.....	Palatka
St. James'.....	Zellwood
The Good Shepherd.....	Maitland
St. Mary's Church.....	Winter Park
St. Thomas.....	Eustis
St. George's.....	Fort George
Church of Our Saviour.....	Fulton
All Saints Church.....	Fairbanks
St. Joseph's.....	Bartow
St. Mary's.....	Green Cove
Church of the Redeemer.....	Panasoffkee
St. Stephen's.....	Lavilla, Jacksonville



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Hon. C. C. YONGE, Pensacola.

DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

CLERICAL.

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D.,
 The Rev. W. H. CARTER, D. D.,
 The Rev. S. B. CARPENTER,
 The Rev. C. S. WILLIAMS,

LAY.

C. B. BENEDICT,
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 H. E. DOTTERER,
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The Rev. A. W. KNIGHT. G. R. FAIRBANKS,
 L. I. FLEMING, Esq., C. B. BENEDICT, Treasurer.

DEANS OF CONVOCATIONS.

Eastern—Rev. C. S. WILLIAMS.

Middle—Rev. W. H. CARTER, D. D.

Western—Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D.

Southern—Rev. S. B. CARPENTER.

OFFERTORIES TO BE MADE ANNUALLY.

1. Diocesan Assessment.
2. Diocesan Missions.
3. Domestic Missions.
4. Foreign Missions.
5. Disabled Clergy Fund.
6. Expenses of General Convention.
7. University of the South—(*Theological Department.*)

COMMITTEES TO SIT DURING RECESS.

COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE PRAYER BOOK.

The Rev. Messrs. Weller, Scott, Thackara and Carter—
 Messrs. Fairbanks, Daniel, D. S. Walker and C. C. Yonge.

COMMITTEE ON "CHURCH AND HOME."

The Rev. Messrs. Carter and Dunham, and Messrs. W. H.
 Parker, Fairbanks and Mumby.

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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

PALATKA, FLA., June 9, 1886.

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Forty-Third Annual Council, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Mark's Church at 11 o'clock a. m. The Morning Prayer, and Litany, were said by the Rev. F. R. Holeman, of Christ Church, Longwood, the Rev. B. G. White, of St. Philips' Church, Jacksonville, and the Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., of St. John's Church, Jacksonville. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. C. S. Williams, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Palatka, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., LL. D., Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola, and the Rev. W. H. Carter, D. D., LL.D., Ph. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. W. Knight, Jr, of East Jacksonville.

After the services, the Council assembled in St. Mark's Academy, and was called to order by the Rev. Dr. Scott, the Senior Priest of the Diocese.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese furnished the following

LIST OF CLERGY

ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE COUNCIL.

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., LL.D.

The Rev. O. P. THACKARA.

The Rev. R. H. WELLER, D. D.

The Rev. ELEAZAR ROOTE.

The Rev. W. H. CARTER, D. D., LL.D., Ph. D.

The Rev. C. S. WILLIAMS.

The Rev. J. B. BAEZ.
The Rev. C. S. SNOWDEN.
The Rev. OLIVER TAYLOR.
The Rev. W. H. MILNES.
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The Rev. W. W. KIRKBY.
The Rev. F. R. HOLEMAN.
The Rev. E. L. DROWN.
The Rev. B. G. WHITE.
The Rev. J. R. BICKNEL.
The Rev. C. B. WILMER.
The Rev. J. B. C. BEAUBIEN.
The Rev. C. A. CARY.
The Rev. C. D. BARBOUR.
The Rev. W. J. O'BRIEN.
The Rev. C. E. McDUGALL.
The Rev. N. B. HARRIS.

Of these there were present:

The Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., LL.D., Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola.

The Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. W. H. Carter, D. D., LL.D., Ph. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

The Rev. C. S. Williams, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Palatka.

The Rev. Oliver Taylor, Missionary at Orange Park.

The Rev. W. H. Milnes, Missionary at Zellwood, etc.

The Rev. J. H. Weddell, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Tampa.

The Rev. S. B. Carpenter, Rector Church of the Holy Cross, Sanford.

The Rev. Wm. Willson, Rector of Christ Church, Cedar Key.

The Rev. F. R. Holeman, Missionary at Longwood.

The Rev. C. A. Apple, Missionary at Apalachicola and Marianna.

The Rev. A. W. Knight, Assistant Minister St. John's, Jacksonville.

The Rev. F. B. Dunham, Rector of Trinity Church, Gainesville.

The Rev. N. B. Harris, Missionary at St. Mary's, Madison.

The Rev. B. G. White, Missionary at St. Philips' Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. J. B. C. Beaubien, Missionary at Eustis and Leesburg.

The Rev. R. T. Roche, D. D., Rector Christ Church, Monticello.

The Rev. J. R. Bicknell, Assistant Minister St. John's, Jacksonville.

The Rev. C. E. McDougall, Minister St. Mary's Church, Milton.

The Rev. C. B. Wilmer, Rector of Grace Church, Ocala.

The Rev. C. A. Cary, Rector Church of our Saviour, Mandarin.

The Rev. C. D. Barbour, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Orlando.

The Rev. W. J. O'Brien, Missionary at Waldo, etc.

The Chair appointed as a Committee on Credentials, the Rev. Messrs. Williams and Apple, who reported the following list of Deputies entitled to seats:

LIST OF LAY DEPUTIES.

Christ Church, Cedar Key—C. B. Rogers, J. J. Crosswell, B. A. Coachman, D. Lang.

St. Andrew's, Tampa—H. L. Crane.

St. Peter's, Fernandina—S. A. Swann, H. E. Dotterer, R. S. Schuyler, G. R. Fairbanks.

Trinity Church, St. Augustine—W. S. M. Pinkham, Sebree Smith, W. P. Eichbaum, E. S. Drown.

Church of Our Saviour, Mandarin—A. Wade, L. Wix.

St. Luke's, Orlando—T. J. Shine.

St. Mary's, Madison—A. J. Dozier, J. H. Eppes, J. F. Bythewood, M. S. Hanckell.

Christ Church, Pensacola—C. C. Yonge, P. K. Yonge, C. B. Parkhill, C. A. Davies.

Grace Church, Ocala—B. A. Weathers, L. W. Mann, J. G. Reardon, R. E. Yonge.

St. John's Church, Jacksonville—A. S. Baldwin, J. J. Daniel, D. G. Ambler, T. T. Stockton.

St. John's Church, Tallahassee—D. S. Walker, L. B. Wombwell, P. Houston.

Holy Trinity, Gainesville—W. W. Hampton, W. R. Cessna, W. C. Miller, N. D. Phillips.

St. Mark's, Daytona—M. Huston, E. H. James.

Holy Cross, Sanford—E. K. Foster, King Wylie, B. F. Whitner.

St. Mark's, Palatka—W. H. Parker, N. Haughton, P. Gardner, G. E. Hawes.

St. Andrew's Church, East Jacksonville—W. A. Young, J. N. C. Stockton, R. C. Scott, F. S. Knight.

Christ Church, Monticello—S. Simkins, J. H. Luker, W. C. Bird, D. A. Finlayson.

Grace Church, Orange Park—J. T. Copeland.

St. Margaret's, Hibernia—F. A. Fleming.

St. Barnabas, DeLand—W. W. Hulst.

St. Paul's, Federal Point—W. A. Evans.

Holy Comforter, Crescent City—H. Hutchinson.

St. Matthew's, San Mateo—G. W. Chester.

Christ Church, Longwood—W. H. Lee.

St. John's, Balmoral—B. B. Ewing.

St. James, Leesburg—S. A. Murden.

St. Philip's, Jacksonville—D. M. McInnis.

St. Philip's, Palatka—John W. Percell.

St. James, Zellwood—H. P. Benjamin.

St. Mary's, Milton—W. E. Anderson, J. J. Mintts, W. E. McDougall, J. E. Creary.

Of these the following answered to their names :

B. A. Coachman and David Lang, of Cedar Key ; G. R. Fairbanks and H. E. Dotterer, of Fernandina ; W. P. Eichbaum and E. S. Drown, of St. Augustine ; L. Wix, of Mandarin ; T. J. Shine, of Orlando ; C. B. Parkhill, of Pensacola ; A. S. Baldwin, J. J. Daniel, D. G. Ambler, T. T. Stockton, of St. John's, Jacksonville ; L. B. Wombwell, of Tallahassee ; B. F. Hampton, W. K. Cessna, W. C. Miller, of Gainesville ; M. Huston, of Daytona ; E. K. Foster, of Sanford ; G. E. Hawes, W. H. Parker, P. Gardner, of St. Mark's, Palatka ; F. A. Fleming, of Hibernia ; W. C. Bird, D. A. Finlayson, of Monticello ; W. W. Hulst, of DeLand ; W. A. Evans, of Federal Point ; J. T. Copeland, of Orange Park ; W. H. Lee, of Longwood ; G. F. Chester, of San Mateo ; H. Hutchinson, of Crescent City ; B. B. Ewing, of Balmoral ; S. A. Murden, of Leesburg ; J. W. Percell, of St. Philip's, Palatka.

Whereupon the chairman announced that a quorum was present, and the Council prepared for business.

The first business being the election of a Secretary, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That Mr. D. G. Ambler cast the ballot of this house for the re-election of the Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., as Secretary, which was done.

On motion, the Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., LL.D., was unanimously chosen President of the Council.

The Secretary then read the official letter of acceptance of the Bishop-elect.

To the Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., and J. J. Daniel, Esq., Committee of the Council of Florida :

DEAR SIRS:—Your communication, informing me of my election to the Episcopate of Florida, by the Council of that Diocese held March 31st, 1886, has long remained unanswered.

The election to the Episcopate is a call of no ordinary character, and demands prayerful and earnest consideration.

The responsibilities of the office are such as may well make any man hesitate. After prayerful and earnest consideration, the call appears to me to be divine, and demanding obedience. So considering it, I hereby signify my acceptance of the position, subject to the approval of the Bishops and Standing Committees

of the Church, looking for strength from the DIVINE HEAD, to bear the responsibilities of the office.

Should my election be approved, I trust I shall have the aid and comfort of the devoted efforts of all the members of the Diocese, both clerical and lay, to advance the interests of CHRIST'S KINGDOM here on earth.

Praying that GOD'S blessing may rest upon you, and upon the Diocese at large, I am yours truly.

EDWIN G. WEED.

When the Secretary was, on motion, directed to send the following telegram to the Bishop-elect:

PALATKA, FLA., June 9, 1886.

"The Council of the Diocese of Florida, assembled in St. Mark's Church, Palatka, sends cordial greetings to the Bishop-elect, and expresses the gratification of its members at his acceptance."

An application from St. Andrew's Mission, East Jacksonville, to be received into union with the Council as a Parish, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Admission of New Parishes, to report at the evening session.

The President announced as this committee, the Rev. Messrs. Dunham and Carpenter, and Messrs. Daniel and Hawes.

When the Council adjourned to 4 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 4 P. M.

The Council assembled pursuant to adjournment, when the President announced the following Standing Committees:

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.—The Rev. Messrs. Williams, Carpenter and Apple, and Messrs. Baldwin, Finlayson and Cessna.

COMMITTEE ON CANONS.—The Rev. Drs. Carter and Roche; the Rev. Mr. Willson, and Messrs. Fairbanks, E. K. Foster and Parkhill.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—J. J. Daniel, T. J. Shine, David Lang, and the Rev. Messrs. Willson and Weddell.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—The Rev. Messrs. Bicknell and Knight, and Messrs. Ambler and T. T. Stockton.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.—The Rev. Messrs. Dunham and Carpenter, and Messrs. Daniel and Hawes.

ON CHURCH AND HOME.—The Rev. Dr. Carter, the Rev. Mr. Dunham, and Messrs. G. R. Fairbanks, F. W. Mumby and W. H. Parker.

It was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be invited to a seat in the Council, and to participate in its proceedings.

Resolved, That all visiting clergy from other Dioceses, and clergy of the Diocese, not entitled to a vote, be invited to seats in this body. In response to this invitation the Rev. G. C. Street, of the Diocese of Chicago; E. L. Turquand, of Michigan; C. D. Mack, G. H. Ward, and G. S. Fitzhugh, of Florida, were seated.

Resolved, That the Parochial and Missionary reports be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, without reading.

The Committee on Admission of New Parishes, made the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

The Committee on Admission of New Parishes, report, that they have the necessary papers and application for admission into union with the Diocese, of St. Andrew's church, East Jacksonville. The papers are in due form, except that they do not comply with Canon XI, which requires that a new parish shall have been for one year, preceding, an organized mission under the control of the Bishop. Respectfully submitted.

F. B. DUNHAM,
S. B. CARPENTER,
J. J. DANIEL,
G. E. HAWES.

When it was resolved that St. Andrew's Mission, East Jacksonville, be admitted into union with the Council as a Parish, and the names of its deputies called; when Messrs. W. A. Young, J. N. C. Stockton, F. S. Knight and R. C. Scott answered to their names.

Mr. J. J. Daniel gave notice of a proposed amendment to Canon XI.

The Treasurer read his report, which was referred to the Finance Committee. He also presented the report of the Special Committee on Liquidating the Diocesan Debt, which was ordered entered upon the Journal.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT.—I would respectfully submit the following Financial Report of the Diocese of Florida, for the year ending June 9, 1886 :

RECEIPTS.

Received on account of the Diocesan Fund.

To balance carried over	\$ 81 63
To Assessments.....	1,420 75
Total	\$1,502 38

\$367.38 of this amount was collected from past due assessments and must be deducted from the amount collected on the assessments of 1885

Received on account of Missions—

To balance carried over.....	\$ 442 72
To Woman's Auxiliary Society	2,303 19
To collections by General Missionary.....	234 40
Other sources.....	271 78
Total.....	\$3,255 09

Received on account of the University of the South—

To balance carried over.....	\$ 163 05
To contributions.....	113 67
Total.....	\$ 276 72

Received on account of the Fund for Infirm and Disabled Clergy—

To balance carried over.....	\$ 18 76
To contributions.....	40 35
Total.....	\$ 59 11

Received on account of Holly Hill Building Fund—

To balance carried over.....	\$ 5 00
To contribution.....	8 00
Total.....	13 00
Total Receipts.....	\$5,106 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

at on account of the Diocesan Fund—	
e Rt. Rev. J. F. Young.....	\$ 200 00
state of Rt. Rev. J. F. Young.....	900 00
ev. R. H. Weller, Secretary of the Diocese.....	103 15
elegrams.....	10 85
shop Whipple's hotel bill.....	10 75
inting, stationary, etc.....	61 85
inting Journal of Council.....	128 80
al of the Diocese.....	18 00
al.....	\$ 832 90
at on account of Missions—	
pend to Missionaries.....	1,583 42
ev. C. S. Williams, General Missionary salary.....	1,000 00
ev. C. S. Williams' traveling expenses.....	210 13
rs. G. T. Willson's traveling expenses.....	40 79
inting, stationary, etc.....	18 90
al.....	2,848 24
e University of the South.....	268 12
e Fund for Infirm and Disabled Clergy.....	18 76
al Disbursements.....	\$3,968 02
lance on hand in favor of Diocesan Fund.....	\$ 669 48
lance on hand in favor of Missionary Fund.....	406 85
lance on hand in favor of the University of the South.....	8 60
lance on hand in favor of the Fund for Infirm and Dis-	
d Clergy.....	40 35
lance on hand in favor of Holly Hill Building Fund.....	13 00
al balance on hand.....	\$1,138 28
dition I hold Bishop Young's bond for.....	2,634 00
Madison county bonds with coupons.....	588 00
Beard's note for.....	1,444 31
McGinnis' note for.....	512 00
al.....	\$6,266 59

When this report was made out, the following additional pay-
have been made :

Amount of Diocesan Assessment :	
lip's, Jacksonville.....	\$ 25 00
ry's, Madison.....	13 00
n's, Tallahassee.....	125 00
n's, Santa Fe.....	7 50
ross. Sanford.....	30 00
Ocala.....	60 00
k's, Palatka.....	150 00
Longwood.....	10 00
Cedar Key.....	15 00
al.....	\$ 435 50
ing Total Receipts.....	1,502 38
ing Total Receipts.....	1,987 88
Amount of Missions :	
Ocala.....	31 87
k's, Palatka.....	20 70
al.....	52 57
ing Total Receipts.....	3,255 09
ing Total Receipts.....	\$ 3,307 66
Amount of the University of the South.....	30 00

The following Parishes and Missions have paid their Diocesan
in full : St. John's, Jacksonville ; St. Mary's, Milton ;

Grace, Orange Park ; Our Saviour, Mandarin ; St. Paul's, Federal Point ; St. Margaret's, Hibernia ; All Saints, Enterprise ; St. James, Zellwood ; St. Andrew's, Tampa ; St. Philip's, Jacksonville ; St. John's, Tallahassee ; St. Mark's, Palatka ; Holy Cross, Sanford ; Christ, Longwood ; Christ, Cedar, Key ; Grace, Ocala ; Trinity, Gainesville ; St. Mary's Daytona ; St. Mathews, San Mateo.

The following are the delinquent Parishes: Trinity, St. Augustine ; St. Paul's, Key West, in part ; St. James, Lake City ; St. Luke's, Marianna ; Trinity, Apalachicola ; Christ, Pensacola, in part ; St. Peter's, Fernandina, in part ; Christ, Monticello ; Good Shepherd, Maitland ; St. Luke's, Orlando ; Holy Cross, Margaretta ; Holy Comforter, Crescent City ; St. Mary's, Green Cove ; St. John's, Santa Fe, in part ; St. Mary's, Madison, in part ; St. Thomas, Eustis ; St. George's, Fort George ; St. Barnabas, DeLand ; Our Saviour, Fulton ; All Saints, Fairbanks ; St. Paul's, Waldo, Melrose Mission ; St. Mary's, Cedar Creek ; Emmanuel, Welaka.

I would call the attention of the members of the Council to the fact, that although the old indebtedness due our late Bishop has been provided for, yet there was due him at the time of his death, one year's salary, amounting to \$2,000. The amount assessed at the last Council to meet the expenses of the Diocese, including the Bishop's salary, was \$2,620, of that amount, \$1,580.50 has been collected. There has been paid to the executors of Bishop Young, \$132.62. There is cash on hand, subject to draft, amounting to \$1,104.98, making a total of \$1,237.60, leaving a balance due the estate of \$762.40. Some provision should be made for the payment of this debt, as it is a just one. There is a question of vital moment, and one that this Council should look squarely in the face, and that is, how are the increased expenses of the Diocese to be met? We have elected a Bishop to administer to our spiritual wants, we have voted him a salary of \$2,500, a beggarly sum, when we take into consideration the vast amount of labor to be performed in this rapidly growing Diocese. It is too small and should be materially increased. With the growth of the Diocese, the incidental expenses are also rapidly increasing each year. We have nothing but the assessments made by the Council, to meet the Bishop's salary and these expenses. It is to be hoped, that in the future, for the honor and good name of our Diocese, each Parish and Mission will make it their imperative duty, to meet their assessments promptly and cheerfully. Some of the Parishes and Missions, and among them some of those best able to pay, year after year totally ignore their assessments. I would call the atten-

tion of the Finance Committee to the importance of making the assessments large enough in the aggregate to meet all the wants of the Diocese, and would suggest a sum not less than \$3,500. There is one other subject of the most vital moment, that should awaken an interest in this Council and be taken hold of with an earnestness of propose, and that is, the providing for an Endowment Fund for the support of the Diocese. We have now a Special Fund amounting to a little over \$7,000. This is a nucleus to gather to. It seems to me that there never was a more opportune, a more auspicious moment than the present, to commence adding to this fund. There are various ways that might be suggested, by which this fund could be increased, by contributions of money and by endowments of land, etc. A large majority of the Laymen of this Diocese own vast tracts of wild lands. These Laymen, most of them, are large-hearted, generous men, who if approached on the subject, would be willing to deed to the Diocese a hundred, and I doubt not in many instances a thousand acres as a contribution to this fund. These lands are of comparatively little value now, but with the rapid development of our State, they will enhance in value and may be the means, ultimately, of contributing largely to the support of the Diocese. I would suggest and impress upon the Council the importance of appointing a special Committee to solicit contributions to this fund, the same Committee to be constituted a Board of Trustees, to invest such funds and to hold in trust such lands as may be contributed, for the benefit of the Diocese. I feel assured, that such a Committee, composed of zealous, energetic men, alive to the importance of the work in hand, have it in their power to make the Diocese of Florida, the richest, yes, I do not hesitate to emphasize it, the richest endowed Diocese in the land.

C. B. BENEDICT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN DEBT.

The Committee appointed at the last Council to solicit funds, by which to pay off the indebtedness of the Diocese, amounting to \$5,748.35, would respectfully report: There has been collected from past due assessments \$367.38, which reduces the total indebtedness to \$5,380.97. We would report the following contributions to the fund in cash and perfectly reliable pledges:

PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

Palatka and Putnam County	\$ 625 00
Christ Church, Pensacola	442 00
St. Peters, Fernandina	300 00
Trinity, St. Augustine	116 00
St. Paul's, Key West	92 00
St. Mary's, Milton	63 00
Lake City and Missions	40 00
Christ, Cedar Key	53 50
St. George's, Fort George	50 00
St. Andrew's, Tampa	24 45
Our Saviour, Fulton	20 00
St. Mary's, Madison	2 50
Sanford and Enterprise	192 50
Jas. M. Cross	100 00
St. Philip's, colored, Jacksonville	25 00
St. John's, Jacksonville	2,880 00
St. James, Zellwood	27 00
Trinity, Gainesville	200 00
Grace, Ocala	150 00
St. John's, Tallahassee	400 00
Christ, Monticello	50 00
St. Thomas, Eustis	50 00
Trinity, Apalachicola	25 00
St. Margaret's, Hibernia	20 00
St. Barnabas, DeLand	25 00
St. Luke's, Orlando	50 00
Total	\$5,523 92

Of these amounts, we have collected as follows:

CASH AND NOTES COLLECTED.

Palatka and Putnam County	\$ 481 00
Christ Church, Pensacola	442 00
\$100 of this amount in the shape of a sixty days' acceptance, signed by the Treasury of the Vestry. The balance in cash	
St. Peter's, Fernandina	300 00
This amount was paid in a note bearing eight per cent. interest	
Trinity, St. Augustine	116 00
St. Paul's, Key West	92 00
St. Mary's, Milton	63 00
Lake City and Missions	5 00
Christ, Cedar Key	53 50
St. George's, Fort George	50 00
St. Andrew's, Tampa	24 45
Our Saviour, Fulton	20 00
St. Mary's, Madison	2 50
Sanford and Enterprise	192 50
Jas. M. Cross	100 00
St. Philip's, colored, Jacksonville	25 00
St. John's, Jacksonville	2,182 25
St. James, Zellwood	27 97
Trinity, Gainesville	200 00
Grace, Ocala	
St. John's, Tallahassee	400 00
This amount was paid by a certified copy of a resolution passed by the Vestry of this Parish, obligating themselves to pay \$400 in four annual instalments from May 1, 1886, bearing eight per cent. interest.	
Christ, Monticello	50 00
St. Thomas, Eustis	
Trinity, Apalachicola	25 00
St. Margaret's, Hibernia	20 00
St. Barnabas, DeLand	
St. Luke's Orlando	50 00
Total	\$4,902 17
	20 00
	\$4,922 17

Leaving a balance uncollected of \$601.75. The Committee feel assured the entire amount will be collected.

C. B. BENEDICT, *Diocesan Treasurer.*


Resolved, That the election of officers be the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The Rev. Mr. Williams presented his report as General Missionary, which was ordered entered on the Journal.

REPORT OF GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The General Missionary for the past conventional year reports as follows:

In the discharge of the duty indicated by the late Bishop, and by the Missionary Committee, he has visited parishes as well as missions and places not yet organized into missions. The welcome accorded the missionary, with scarcely an exception, has been remarkable. No parish has been indifferent to appeals in behalf of the general work, nor has any been only civilly attentive to what has been spoken, but all have listened with interest and contributed with liberality. Individual instances of generous giving in one parish, increasing materially the missionary funds, gave an impetus at the start to the whole work which is felt even at the present. The Woman's Auxiliary Society for Missions has put forth persistent effort in all the branches, and the stream of income, while not large, has supplied the means for the prompt payment of stipends. But the field is extensive and inviting. To its description a few sentences may be devoted. It has four divisions, Eastern, Southern, Middle and Western, answering to the four Convocations. The venerable Rector Emeritus of St. Peter's, Fernandina, the Rev. Mr. Thackara, had worked out in his vigorous days, along the Transit Railway; and at Waldo and Fairbanks, churches had been erected, and yet another at Santa Fe, on a lake of the same name. Services are now maintained at Melrose also. These four points are in charge of the Rev. Mr. O'Brien. The Rector of Trinity, Gainesville, dashes out into the regions round about, dropping in upon Arredondo, Micanopy, etc. At Oak Lawn, on Orange Lake, an excellent church has been built, which is convenient to Lockbie, Boardman, etc. A clergyman should be settled here, a capable, earnest and aggressive man. Still farther on the Florida Southern Railway, Conant and vicinity have been receiving the attention of the strong and energetic rector of Grace, Ocala, and so also has Belle View, on the Florida Railway and Navigation Company,



and even Panasoffkee. The latter has been organized into a Mission and proposes to build. Conant is clamoring for attention for the services of the Church. Here it may be as well to state that a Mission has been organized at Brooksville, Hernando county. Lay services were for a time maintained. It certainly would be well that a missionary be planted on this height from which he may descend to many places in the far reaching lands beneath. Levy county, and parts adjacent, are as well looked after as possible by the indefatigable Mr. Willson, Cedar Key being the centre of his operations. Columbia and Baker counties, included in the Eastern division, are supervised by the diligent and enterprising missionary, the Rev. C. S. Snowden, Lake City, Cedar Creek, Margaretta, Glen St. Mary, Macclenny.

St. John's, Jacksonville, has its three chapels in prosperous condition, to which we barely advert as they are not under the jurisdiction of the Missionary Committee. St Philip's (colored) Jacksonville, is a diocesan organization under the very efficient charge of the Rev. Mr. White, whose noble example of self-consecration to the ministry to the colored people, it is to be hoped others, in great numbers, may soon follow. Mandarin is a parish and has a worthy rector. Hibernia was recently organized into a mission, having had, for years, winter services only in its neat and well-appointed church. Green Cove Springs is similarly situated. The two should be united under one missionary, to whom they could give ample support throughout the year. Picolata might be occasionally served by the same missionary.

On two occasions, Trinity, St. Augustine, has put into the hands of the General Missionary as a contribution to the fund for Diocesan Missions the offertory of a large congregation. It may be anticipated that, in the future, it will be the important factor, that the multitude of churchmen annually gathering at the "Ancient City," enables it to be, in the production of the result all are ambitious to accomplish, the planting of the church in all parts of the State.

Putnam county has four organized missions; one at Federal Point, one at San Mateo, one at Crescent City, and one (colored) at Palatka. There is besides, the unorganized mission at Welaka. St. Mark's, at Palatka, is the sole parish in the county. Its rector or minister has, up to date, served St. Philip's Mission. The past winter the Rev. Mr. Stewart has officiated very acceptably at Federal Point. The rest of the field is in the charge of the Rev. G. H. Ward, who knows what it is to do missionary work. St. Barnabas, DeLand, Volusia county, with adjacent points, is administered by the Rev. Mr. Mack, recently

me among us. It is an important mission and can hardly fail to wield an extensive influence. The Halifax River Missions, with St. Mary's Parish, Daytona, as a centre, including Ormond, Holly Hill, Port Orange, and New Smyrna, invite the judicious and energetic worker. Enterprise, at the head of Lake Monroe, with its beautiful church and well ordered services. The Rev. Mr. Turquand has done well. We trust it may be his pleasure to have his name added to the list of our clergy. Sanford is the seat of the Dean of the Southern Convocation, the Rev. Mr. Carpenter. With the Parish (Holy Cross) he has in special regard the Indian River Missions. Melbourne, Rockledge, Titusville, etc., where churches are being erected. Other sections of the Southern division need be but named. Leesburg, a recently organized mission, and Eustis with its commodious church, both ministered to by the Rev. Mr. Beaubien, zealous and effective in his work; Zellwood, with a very neat little church, and Lane Creek moving towards organization and building, the Rev. W. J. Milnes being the conscientious, persevering missionary; Longwood presided over by the well-known Mr. Holeman; Maitland, with its excellent church, built by Bishop Whipple, whom all revere and venerate.

Winter Park is just organized into a Mission, and will be able to erect a church, it is thought, the ensuing winter; Orlando, a parish, is in charge of the excellent Mr. Barbour; Kissimmee is filling for regular services, Bartow also; Fort Meade, Palma Sola and other settlements on the Manatee river; Fort Myers, on the Alcosahatchie river. Sites have been, or will be given, at most or all places for buildings. Tampa, a Parish, is under the patronage of the Rev. Mr. Weddell, who includes in his cure finer and contiguous places. His labors have so increased that he is calling for assistance. The Parish of St. Paul's, at Bay West, is under a cloud just now. A double calamity has fallen her; first, in the loss of her venerable Rector who fell under the crushing burden of parochial work; and second, in the loss of its church by fire. But she is courageous, and she can secure a fit successor to the Rev. Mr. Lyne, will, due time, rebuild. We may now return to Middle Florida. St. John's Church, Tallahassee, is principal, possessing all the elements of success and power, whose Rector, the Rev. Dr. Carr, as Dean of Convocation, looks over a most interesting portion of the Diocese. We may venture to predict that a great work is yet to be accomplished therein—no inconsiderable length to be developed; for Madison is at hand with her young and vigorous Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Harris, to contribute towards the result; Monticello, also, with her experienced and

sympathetic and earnest Rector, the Rev. Dr. ~~Evans~~ ~~Atwood~~ the Parish at Quincy has gone to decay, and ~~must revive~~ ~~may~~, and we ought to say, it must revive again and ~~thrive~~. The fact is the few communicants and baptized, a ~~remnant~~ ~~would~~ have the Parish live again, and we doubt not that ~~it is the will~~ of the gracious LORD. Pensacola is at the head of the Western Convocation; the Rev. Dr. Scott is the Dean. His helpers in that part of the field are the Rev. Dr. McDougall, of Milton, who has maintained services there with singular fidelity, with as little cost for years to the Diocese as possible, and now with more; the Rev. Mr. Apple, of Apalachicola, dividing his time between that place and Marianna, (there are churches at both places) is doing all in his power. In this rapid survey of the Diocese, the territorial greatness, the abundance of work, the little money, the few men rise into conspicuousness. But there is nothing daunt.

The questions for solution are simply these: How to get the right men and the sufficient number, and how to increase adequately the Missionary funds. It may occur to some that the whole matter is a question of funds. Create or accumulate them, and then your men will be forthcoming, it may be said. But this is not so. The right men, the genuine Missionaries, are not bought. They rise, they go forth to their work as called, as sent of God, and the money follows. When did an appeal from the General Board for money to keep men in the field, and send more who were at hand to go, fail to bring the money? That is the order; the men, the right men, the men full of the Holy Ghost first. We must pray the LORD to raise up the men, to move fit persons by His Spirit to come to the gathering of the rich harvest. We must look to ourselves and see if we be of that spirit which attracts to one's side helpers, co-workers.

I may venture to indicate to the Missionary Committee an advance on the past proceeding. You must take risks; the risk of faith in God and CHRIST; the risk of faith in those who are His and who love his ways. If men offer who are evidently the right men, take them; bid them come, and then go before the Congregations and Missionary meetings and tell them what you have done, and what you must have to keep these worthy Ministers, and their families, perhaps, at their posts, to provide them with food and raiment and other things which are the components of a Christian home.

Respectfully,

C. S. WILLIAMS

After which the Council adjourned to 10 o'clock ~~in~~ ~~the~~ morning.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, 10 A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer by the President, the roll was called, and in addition to those present yesterday, the Rev. Mr. Milnes answered to his name.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reports that the consideration of Amendments to Canons X and XI, as proposed on page 34 of Proceedings of last Council, were laid over to this meeting. Respectfully submitted,

J. R. BICKNELL,
A. W. KNIGHT,
D. G. AMBLER,
T. T. STOCKTON.

Received and adopted.

The Committee on the Revision of the Prayer Book reported as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRAYER BOOK.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of Prayer Book Revision, as sent to the Diocese by the last General Convention, respectfully report, that they have carefully considered the changes proposed, and while they are entirely satisfied that some of them would tend to Liturgical enrichment, yet they are not prepared to assert the same of all. Neither is it in their judgment advisable to discuss the changes in the Council. So, while they acknowledge the labor and learning of the committee which worked so faithfully to bring in the report to the General Convention, they are not willing to consider the result of that committee as final, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Council does not desire the changes proposed in the Book of Common Prayer to be decided either for or against, by the General Convention of 1886, but request that Convention to refer the whole subject to a committee as learned and judicious as the former, that they may consider it, and, aided by the criticisms of the last three years produce a result satisfactory to the Church.

J. J. SCOTT,
R. H. WELLER,
W. H. CARTER,
G. R. FAIRBANKS,
J. J. DANIEL.

Which was received and adopted.

The Standing Committee's annual report was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

On the decease of the late Bishop, which occurred on the 15th day of November last, the Standing Committee became, under the Canons, the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, and its members have endeavored to meet, as far as possible, the responsibility resting upon them.

Their first meeting was held on the 16th day of November, 1885, when they formed a temporary organization by electing the Rev. R. H. Weller, D.D., Chairman, and J. J. Daniel, Esq., Secretary. The death of the Bishop was announced as having occurred in New York, on the morning of the 15th inst. The Chairman was requested to convey the sad intelligence to the Clergy and Laity, stating that the funeral would take place in St. John's, Jacksonville, on Thursday the 18th inst., and ask their attendance. The Rev. Mr. Williams and Mr. S. A. Swann, were appointed a Committee to prepare suitable memorial resolutions. Bishops of neighboring Diocese were telegraphed requesting their presence. The Rev. Messrs. Weller, White and Bicknell were appointed a Committee to arrange the burial services.

It was resolved that this Committee attend the funeral in a body.

Nov. 27th. The Committee met at St. Peter's Rectory, Fernandina. The Rev. O. P. Thackara was elected President, and the Rev. R. H. Weller, Secretary.

The Rev. G. H. Ward was appointed to the charge of the Missions in Putnam county. The Rev. W. J. O'Brien was appointed Missionary at Waldo, and parts adjacent. The Church at Myers was organized as a mission, and its officers

appointed. The Rev. C. S. Williams was re-commissioned as General Missionary, from the first Sunday in Advent. A Committee was appointed to receive from Mrs. Young, any Diocesan papers and documents left by the late Bishop.

It was resolved that a special Council for the election of a Bishop be not called until all the indebtedness of the Diocese is liquidated.

December 7th. Canonical notice was received of the deposition from the sacred ministry of the Rev. Wallace W. Lovejoy, *Priest*, by the Bishop of New Jersey. By the Bishop of California, of the Rev. W. F. Morrison, D.D., *Priest*. By the Bishop of New Jersey, of the Rev. Colet J. Peace, *Priest*, and the Rev. Joseph R. Trimble, *Deacon*. By the Bishop of Rhode Island, of the Rev. C. W. K. Morrill, *Priest*, and by the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, of the Rev. W. H. Johnson, *Priest*. The Rev. Charles Douglas Barbour was received into the Diocese on letters dimissory from the Diocese of Massachusetts. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Whipple, Bishop of Minnesota, was requested to give such Episcopal services as he was able, while spending the winter in Florida.

The Rev. Carey Breckenridge Wilmer, *Deacon*, was recommended for ordination to the sacred order of Priests. The Rev. W. J. O'Brien and the Rev. G. H. Ward, were nominated to the Board of Managers, for Missions, the former as Missionary at Waldo and parts adjacent, the latter at Crescent City and parts adjacent. Action was taken warmly urging upon the Presiding Bishop and the Board of Managers the importance of maintaining the Missions of the Church in the Island of Cuba.

St. James' Church, Leesburg, was organized as a Mission. J. J. Daniel, Esq., was appointed to take charge of the funds for building churches on the Indian River, deposited in the National Bank of the State of Florida, and the Rev S. B. Carpenter was authorized to look after the building of the two churches for which this fund was given.

Lieut. W. C. Gibson, was licensed as a Lay-Reader at Pensacola Navy Yard.

December 31st. The Rev. Charles A. Cary, was received into the Diocese, on letters dimissory from the Bishop of Michigan. The Committee adopted a minute of heartfelt sympathy with its revered President on the decease of his faithful and devoted wife.

The Examining Chaplains were requested to take charge and supervision of Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders.

January 14, 1886. The Rev. G. H. Ward, was received into the Diocese on letters dimissory from the Bishop of Missouri,

and the Rev. W. J. O'Brien from the Bishop of California. The Bishop of Georgia was requested to give Episcopal services to the Diocese, at his convenience. St. Margaret's Church, Hibernia, was organized as a Mission.

The Chairman of the Special Committee, for raising funds for the Diocesan indebtedness, was requested to issue an earnest appeal, to the Diocese, in order that a special Council may be called for the election of a Bishop before the first day of April.

February 4th. The Rev. Charles H. B. Turner was transferred to the Jurisdiction of Colorado. The Rev. C. A. Cary was nominated to the Board of Managers, as Missionary at Mandarin, from December 1st, 1885. The Church of the Redeemer, Panasoffkee, was organized as a Mission. The Secretary reported that, on January 28th, in St. John's Church, Jacksonville, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Whipple, Bishop of Minnesota, by request of this Committee, advanced to the Sacred Order of Priests the Rev. Carey Breckenridge Wilmer. A communication was received from the Secretary of the Eastern convocation, conveying the requests of that body that a Special Council be called as soon as possible, to provide for the payment of the Diocesan debt, and the election of a Bishop.

March 12th. The Committee passed resolutions of sympathy with the family and Parish of the Rev. C. F. D. Lyne, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Key West, who entered into Paradise February 13th, 1886.

It was *ordered*, That parishes and missions inviting a visiting Bishop to officiate, are expected to defray the expenses incident to the visitation.

The Rt. Rev. Theo. B. Lyman, D. D., Bishop of North Carolina, reported that, on the invitation of the Committee, he had visited St. John's Church, Tallahassee, and confirmed thirteen persons, presented by the Rector. An offer from Mr. J. D. Parkinson to donate land for a church, school and rectory, at Titusville, was received and thankfully accepted, and authority given Mr. Parkinson to solicit funds for the erections of buildings.

March 19th. The Rev. Messrs. Williams and Weller were appointed a Committee to prepare the authorized list of clergy, parishes and missions, entitled to vote, and arrange the order of services for a Special Council to be held in St. John's Church, Tallahassee, on March 30, 1886.

April 2d. The Secretary was requested to issue the Canonical notices and testimoniales of the election of the Rev. Edwin Gardner Weed to be Bishop of the Diocese. The Rev. C. D. Mack was appointed Missionary to St. Barnabas Mission, DeLand.

April 9th. A proposition for greater increase of missionary work, with larger expenditure of money, was received from the Diocesan Board of Missions, and heartily endorsed by the Committee. Mrs. Gertrude T. Willson was appointed General Agent for the Woman's Auxiliary Society, and requested to represent that Society at the North during the summer, and at the Triennial Meeting at Chicago, in October next. Mrs. Willson gave an interesting statement of her work for the past four months, and its needs. The President of the Board of Missions was requested to furnish Mrs. Willson with such helps as may further her work. The meeting of the Annual Council was postponed to Wednesday, June 9th, at Palatka.

May 25th. St. Mary's Church, Green Cove Springs, was organized as a Mission. St. Philip's Church (colored), at Palatka, was also organized as a Mission. All Saints Memorial Church, at Winter Park, was also organized as a Mission. The Rev. Johannes A. Oertel was transferred to the Diocese of Tennessee. Canonical notice of the deposition of Rev. Richard H. Dennis, *Diacon*, from the ministry, was received from the Bishop of Western Michigan. The Rev. C. F. A. Bielby was received into the Diocese on letters dimissory from the Bishop of Western New York. An offer of land, and assistance in building a church at Bartram, in Alachua county, from the Rev. S. Durburrow, of Philadelphia, was received and accepted. The Rev. C. D. Mack was received into the Diocese on letters dimissory from the Bishop of Wisconsin. The Rev. Messrs. Williams and Weller were appointed to prepare the authorized list of clergy, parishes and missions, and the annual report of the Standing Committee.

June 9th. The Secretary presented the letter of acceptance from the Rev. Edward Gardner Weed of the Episcopate of the Diocese. The Secretary also reported that he had notified the Presiding Bishop that a majority of the Standing Committees had consented to the consecration of the Bishop-elect.

A communication was received from the Vestry of St. John's Church, Jacksonville, offering the use of the Parish Church, and the hospitalities of the Parish, for the consecration services.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold, Priest, was received into the Diocese on letters dimissory from the Bishop of Winchester, England, and the Rev. George S. Fitzhugh on letters dimissory from the Bishop of Delaware. St. Joseph's Church, Bartow, was organized as a Mission. It was

Resolved, That the Secretary present this annual report to the Diocesan Council.

R. H. WELLER, *Sec. of Standing Com.*

The Order of the Day, viz: the election of Diocesan officers, being called for, on motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for Mr. C. B. Benedict as Treasurer.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for Dr. A. S. Baldwin, as Registrar.

The Rev. Mr. Williams and Mr. G. R. Fairbanks were appointed Tellers. The first ballot being for Standing Committee, the following were declared elected:

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Revs. C. S. Williams, R. H. Weller and F. B. Dunham, and Messrs. J. J. Daniel, G. E. Hawes and J. N. C. Stockton.

It was *Resolved*, That the amendment of Canon XI, proposed yesterday, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Treasurer, on request, was given leave to correct his report.

The Secretary presented and read the report of the Woman's Auxiliary Society for Missions.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS.

The Annual Records of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, in this Diocese, closed on May 1st, so it is of the twelve months preceeding that date that we report.

Standing to-day, however, at the end of a longer period, we thank God and take courage in looking back over our first decade of work, tracing plainly His guiding and protecting hand, in all the changes and chances through which we have passed—of evil report and good report, failure and success, indifference and interest, and through all our discouragements, has brought us out into a "wealthy place," where we can see the "little one" of long ago, becoming a thousand.

Perhaps while pausing beside this mile stone, it will not be amiss to speak once again of the origin of the Society.

In 1874, the new building of St. John's Church, Jacksonville, being already commenced, it was desired that every member of the Parish should have the opportunity to help in its erection, but there were many who gave only a little, very many whose means came to them in small sums.

To meet this want, the "Ladies' Aid Society" was organized, enabling *all* to contribute.

This Society worked faithfully and enthusiastically for two years, the collectors appointed to the several districts going their monthly rounds with unfailing patience and persistency. The result was the sum of \$2,000 for the Church building.

This wonderful success suggested the idea of a similar Society for the whole Diocese, which would collect one cent a day, or more, from each communicant, for the common cause—"Missions in Florida"—instead of an individual object in any one Parish.

The Rev. Dr. R. H. Weller drafted the "Plan of organization" of the new Society, whose name should be "The Woman's Auxiliary Society in Florida." This was approved by the Standing Committee and endorsed by the Bishop, and put into working order by three Diocesan officers, being appointed to carry out the "Plan" by corresponding with ladies in other parts of the Diocese, proposing to them the organization of branches in their respective Parishes and Missions. At the end of the first year's work, I find recorded fifteen branches, and the total amount collected \$1,611.65. At the end of the tenth year, we record thirty branches with a total of collections of \$2,303.19. Besides the actual "money value" of the work, a larger, holier good has been accomplished, by the closer communion established among the Christian women all over the Diocese, even in the remotest corners. The magnitude of this part of the work, and its results, will never be known until that day when the secrets of all hearts will be laid bare.

Its growth and efficiency in the past year has been greatly promoted through the agency of Mrs. Gertrude T. Willson, who was appointed by the Standing Committee to visit all accessible places where there are church-women, stirring up their interest and zeal, and organizing branch societies.

She is admirably fitted for her work, and God's blessing has rested upon it in a remarkable degree.

The increase of the number of railroads, which now run through the length and breadth of our State, has made this plan possible, and we feel thankful to the officials for their promotion of it.

This year is also marked by the first meeting of delegates from different branches. It was held at the same time as that of the Eastern Convocation, last June in Palatka, which, besides being very pleasant, was found exceedingly profitable.

We would suggest that all the branches in each of the several Convocations hold meetings simultaneously with the clergy, and that a time be appointed for them to meet with the clerical and lay deputies for information and general consultation.

It will be necessary, however, in order to carry this into effect—that the Rector of the Parish in which the Convocation shall meet—shall notify the Diocesan Officers, in good time, sending through them an invitation to the branch delegates, and offering them the hospitality of parishoners during their visit.

At Christmas there were sent from St. John's Church, Jacksonville, eleven boxes valued at \$183.25. From Christ Church, Pensacola, two boxes valued at \$20.00. Besides these, there were packages sent to the Parish Directress of St. John's, Jacksonville, from the "Twenty Minutes Society" of Boston, which were divided among the families of six clergymen.

In beginning a new year, we feel already much encouraged, to hope that great things will be accomplished by our efforts directed by the same guiding Hand.

While the returns for May, 1885, were \$133.36, the returns for May, 1886, (the first month of a new year,) are \$200.24, and branches strong and vigorous are shooting forth in all parts of the Diocese.

This increase of branches and contributions, for the last year, is the more remarkable and especially gratifying, as an indication of permanent growth and interest when we remember that for six months of that period the Diocese has been without a head, the late Bishop having been removed, in the Providence of God, from his labors among us in November last.

With the coming in of the new Bishop, soon to be consecrated, we look and hope for still greater progress, the Diocese being now entirely relieved from debt, and every branch of Church work in a most vigorous condition.

We thank the Clergy for their increased interest in our work, and believe that our prosperity is largely due to their countenance and support. We will request once more that in every branch, the rules of organization and working, that have proved so successful in *ten years* of trial, may be followed in the *letter* as well as the spirit, believing the same rich blessing will follow their use.

The Treasurer's Report is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. SWART,
MRS. M. R. BURTON,
MISS H. R. PARKHILL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS IN FLORIDA, FROM MAY, 1885, TO MAY, 1886.

's Church, Federal Point.....	\$ 20 25
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l Church, Welaka.....	7 15
.....	1 00
Church, Monticello.....	16 00
Church, Gainesville.....	44 62
k's Church, Palatka.....	186 34
Church, St. Augustine.....	86 25
hurch, Pensacola.....	128 25
i's Church, Jacksonville.....	1,220 29
's Church, Key West.....	58 21
d, Port Orange.....	10 00
r's Church, Fernandina.....	43 25
i's Church, Tallahassee.....	112 95
s's Church, Daytona.....	20 15
ill.....	14 50
ill and Ormond.....	15 00
hurch, Ocala.....	13 80
ew's Church, Tampa.....	64 69
hurch, Longwood.....	7 24
y's Church, Milton.....	54 55
hurch, Cedar Key.....	30 90
ers.....	30 90
's Church, Orlando.....	9 00
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ree City.....	5 00
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MARY R. BURTON, Treasurer.

ved and ordered placed on the Minutes.
pecial Committee on the Endowment of the Diocese, ap
at the Special Council in May, made their report, which
eived and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT.

Committee appointed to devise and submit a plan for the
ent of the Diocese, respectively report that they have
the subject their careful consideration, and are of the
that the most practical and certain means of providing

an endowment fund is by the discreet solicitation and sale of lands.

There are two ways in which lands may be made available for this purpose.

1st. By gifts from churchmen throughout the Diocese of parcels of land, which may be sold and converted into interest-bearing securities.

2d. By an arrangement with large landed proprietors, interested in the Church, to secure the control of available bodies of carefully selected lands, the titles to which must be free from defect and well vouched, and the lands themselves, of intrinsic value, with the privilege to the Treasurer, or other agent of the Diocese, to effect sales to the friends of the Church on a margin to be agreed upon, the net proceeds to be in like manner invested for the permanent endowment of the Diocese.

Your committee are convinced that, in this way, an ample fund may, within a reasonable time, be raised for the endowment of the Church. Much will, of course, depend upon the selection of a suitable person to act as agent in the handling of these lands, as well as upon the earnest presentation of the matter to those who may be induced to contribute lands, or their control, to the advancement of the fund.

Within our Diocese there are many persons who are not able to contribute in money to an endowment fund, but will be glad to give lands to promote an object of such interest to the Church.

In the sale of these lands great care must be taken to act through reliable agents, and to inform the purchaser fully as to their character. The title should be absolutely good, and the lands themselves must be intrinsically worth the sum for which they are offered.

When lands are sold on a margin, it must be explained that the Church controls the lands at the lowest price for which large bodies of land are sold, and sells in smaller areas at commensurate rates.

It is believed that friends of the Church, and others desiring to invest in Florida lands, can be found outside of the Diocese, who will gladly avail themselves of an opportunity presented and guarded as this would be, and that the interests of the purchaser, as well as that of the Church, would be promoted.

The Parishes of St. Peter's, Fernandina, and Trinity Church, Gainesville, have adopted the plan of selling lands in this way, with very satisfactory results, and your Committee are informed that a plan somewhat similar has been tried in Iowa and Indiana with marked success.

As an earnest of what may be done, your Committee are

pleased to announce that one association, owning a large area of lands distributed through seven counties in the central portion of the State, have already expressed themselves willing to place at their disposal ten thousand acres or more, to be sold for the benefit of the Church in small lots, at retail prices, the Diocese to have the full benefit of all excess over the owners' rates.

Your Committee recommend the appointment of a committee of three, of whom the Treasurer shall be one, who shall be authorized, and whose duty it shall be, to carry this plan into effect, and report at the next Annual Council. This committee should be generally authorized to solicit and receive contributions and pledges to the endowment of the Diocese.

The report of the Treasurer will show that there are several thousand dollars in money and securities belonging to the Diocese, which may be made the nucleus of this endowment fund.

J. J. DANIEL,
S. A. SWANN,
D. G. AMBLER,
Committee.

The President appointed as the Committee for the Endowment of the Diocese, Messrs. S. A. Swann, J. J. Daniel, C. B. Benedict and D. G. Ambler.

On motion, the name of St. John's Mission, Santa Fe, was changed to St. John's, Balmoral.

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to report to the next Annual Council, as to the advisability of providing some way by which parishes may legally be declared to have ceased to exist, and if deemed necessary to draw up and present a Canon for that purpose.

Resolved, That this Council take a recess for one hour and a half at 1 o'clock, and that on re-assembling the report of the Board of Missions be the order of the day.

Resolved, That the Council go into an election of Deputies to the General Convention.

Rev. C. A. Apple and D. G. Ambler were appointed Tellers, who, after canvassing the ballot, announced as elected Revs. Drs. Scott and Carter, Rev. Messrs. Williams and Carpenter, and Messrs. H. E. Dotterer, E. K. Foster, C. B. Benedict and D. G. Ambler.

Resolved, That the Council go into an election of a Board of Missions.

Rev. Mr. Wilmer and D. A. Finlayson, Tellers. The President announced the following as elected as the Finance Committee: Rev. Dr. Carter, Rev. J. H. Weddell and W. E. Anderson, C. B. Benedict and D. G. Ambler.

Resolved, That permission be given to Trinity Church, Gainesville, when it shall have been incorporated under the present law, to be called the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Resolved, That we now go into the election of Chancellor, and that the Secretary cast the ballot for the Hon. C. C. Yonge for that office.

Resolved, That the resignation of the Rev. C. S. Williams as Trustee of the University of the South be accepted, and that the Rev. A. W. Knight, Jr., be elected to succeed him for the unexpired term of two years.

The Chair appointed W. K. Cessna on the Committee on the State of the Church, in the place of W. W. Hampton.

When the Council took a recess until 2:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.30 p. m.

The Council was called to order after recess.

The tellers reported as elected on the Board of Missions the Revs. S. B. Carpenter, W. H. Carter, D. D., A. W. Knight, Jr., J. R. Bicknell, and Messrs. R. S. Schuyler, J. J. Daniel, H. Hutchinson.

On motion, Mr. W. Hulst, of DeLand, was excused from further attendance.

The Secretary read the following telegram from the Bishop-elect, in response to the telegram sent him yesterday:

To R. H. Weller, D. D.:

Express to Council my most earnest wish for their welfare, and thank them for their greeting, which is cordially returned, with the hope of greeting them in person at their next meeting.

EDWIN G. WEED.

Messrs. G. R. Fairbanks, A. S. Baldwin and Rev. B. G. White were excused from further attendance.

The order of the day, being the report of the Board of Missions, was announced, when the Rev. S. B. Carpenter, Dean of South Florida, read a partial report referring to his jurisdiction, after which the Rev. Mr. Knight read the report of the Board.

On motion, the report was received.

REPORT OF DIOCESAN BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The influx of population, and consequent development of material interests, have furnished grand opportunities for the Church in the eastern and southern portion of the Diocese. This portion of the State has largely engaged the attention of the Board, because of the evident necessity of immediate action. We have had most forcibly brought before us, however, the silent appeal from the Middle and Western Convocations, and have recommended that liberal appropriations be made for the work in that portion of the Diocese.

Old Parishes need to be revived, and the native population need to feel that the Church is ready to come to them, and *will* come to them. In connection with the subject of lapsed Parishes which need reviving, we quote extracts from the reports of the General Missionary and the Special Agent of this Board, which picture graphically the condition of things in one of these old Parishes.

"Although the Parish at Quincy has gone to decay and lapsed, perhaps we may, and ought, to say it must revive again and flourish. The fact is, the few communicants and baptized, a remnant, would have the Parish live again, and we doubt not that this is the will of the gracious Lord. Quincy interests me very much. It is a charming old place, where once was a flourishing church. Wind and time have scattered both church and people. A small number of communicants are left, who are now asking earnestly for the services of the Church. They have manifested new life by organizing a branch of the Auxiliary, and also one of the Ministering Children's League. Also planned for lay service and Sunday-school. If they could have substantial aid now, and be assured of the service of a priest once a month, there would be no question of the growth of the Church once again in Quincy."

We commend to the attention of the Diocese the Convocational system. We feel that as at present organized it might become a

Resolved, That the Council go into an election of Missions.

Rev. Mr. Wilmer and D. A. Finlayson, Tellers, announced the following as elected as the Forwards: Rev. Dr. Carter, Rev. J. H. Weddell and son, C. B. Benedict and D. G. Ambler.

Resolved, That permission be given to Trinity Church, when it shall have been incorporated under law, to be called the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Resolved, That we now go into the election of Chairman, that the Secretary cast the ballot for the Hon. C. C. that office.

Resolved, That the resignation of the Rev. C. S. Trustees of the University of the South be accepted, and Rev. A. W. Knight, Jr., be elected to succeed him for a term of two years.

The Chair appointed W. K. Cesena on the Committee of the Church, in the place of W. W. Hampton.

When the Council took a recess until 2:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.30

The Council was called to order after recess.

The tellers reported as elected on the Board of Missions: Revs. S. B. Carpenter, W. H. Carter, D. D., A. W. Knight, J. R. Bicknell, and Messrs. R. S. Schuyler, J. J. Dan Hutchinson.

On motion, Mr. W. Hulst, of DeLand, was excused from further attendance.

The Secretary read the following telegram from the elect, in response to the telegram sent him yesterday:

To R. H. Weller, D. D.:

Express to Council my most earnest wish for their success and thank them for their greeting, which is cordially received with the hope of greeting them in person at their next meeting.

EDWIN G. W.

great power in furthering the cause of Missions. We suggest that with the meeting of each Convocation a Missionary meeting be held with addresses by Clergymen and *Laymen*. We would urge that each Convocation avail itself of Canon XVII. Section 2, and elect at as early a day as possible the member of this Board to which it is entitled.

The Board has had frequently before it the all-important question of reaching the colored element of our population. It has been able to do nothing in an aggressive way other than suggesting to the Clergy that no opportunity be lost for gaining a foothold. St. Philip's, Jacksonville, is rapidly developing into a strong congregation. The zeal and earnestness of their Missionary, who has consecrated himself to this special work, may well be emulated. The work at Fulton and Lone Star is progressing. This work has been maintained through the liberality of Mr. R. Fulton Cutting, a generous Layman of the Diocese of Long Island. St. Philip's, Palatka, in addition to services, has established a Parish school with gratifying results. The Rectors of Pensacola and Gainesville are moving in this work. Key West has a congregation established. The Board would recommend in connection with this subject, that the paper read by Colonel J. J. Daniel at the January meeting of the Eastern Convocation be extensively circulated throughout the State, and more especially among the colored people.

We would call the attention of organized Parishes to the importance of reaching out and establishing Missions. In one of our cities this has been successfully tried. St. John's Church, Jacksonville, has supported three Missions for a number of years. These Missions are now so far developed that they have applied for independent organization, and will, in turn, become centres of church work. The Mother Parish finds that she can now turn her attention to the establishment and maintenance of services in other parts of the city and its environs. Missions of this character are not only potent factors in the spread of the Church, but, as well, furnish abundant opportunity for the exercise of Lay help. The general method of proceeding is to first establish a Sunday-school where the Laity can work. This is followed by the services of the Church with such frequency as they can be given by the Rector of the Parish or by Lay-Readers.

The sad losses which have come to the Church in Key West through the death of its devoted Rector, and the burning of its buildings, have caused us to turn our eyes in that direction. We are deeply impressed with the importance of the position the Church occupies there. Being a city of considerable size and

commercial importance, and occupying the southernmost position in the United States, it has visitors and residents from Cuba and the Bahama Islands. Through the former, opportunity is given to reach out and establish the Church in Cuba, and through the latter to influence the colored element of the city. We suggest that the Diocese give every encouragement and assistance in its power to the work in the city of Key West.

The Board regrets the withdrawal of the Rev. C. S. Williams from the office of General Missionary. His zeal and energy, and sound practical judgment, eminently qualified him for the work. After a year and a half of untiring labor, he returns to his Parish, carrying with him the love and esteem of the whole Diocese, and especially of those congregations to whom he went when we were a flock mourning the loss of our Shepherd. He has planted seed by many waters, to be cultivated by our Bishop-elect, and in due time reaped by the Church.

We desire to express publicly the lasting obligations we are under to the zealous band of Christian women whose persevering labors in the Woman's Auxiliary have so nobly seconded and sustained our efforts for the spread of CHRIST'S KINGDOM. Their receipts for the year past show an increase of \$588.05 over that for the previous year. This is due largely to the increased interest imparted by the General Missionary, and the Special Agent of this Board, Mrs. Gertrude Treat Willson. The selection of the latter has proved very fortunate. She has organized, during the very short time she has been at work, seven new branches of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, and has reorganized and imparted new life to a number of old branches.

In addition to the sum raised in our own Diocese the General Board has appropriated \$3,200 to the work in Florida. This fund has been controlled and disbursed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. We would earnestly urge, however, that the Parishes and Missions in the Diocese each endeavor to contribute something to the General Board of Missions. This Board has ever contributed to our Diocese fully as much as we have raised for ourselves, and it is time some practical expression be given of our appreciation of its generous aid. There is need that we keep ever before us the unity and unselfishness of the Church, and an appeal for the general work cannot be forcibly made without impressing upon each congregation this unity and unselfishness. We trust that the appeal which the Domestic Committee is now making may be generously responded to throughout the Diocese.

Although the receipts for Missions since the last Council are in excess of those for any previous year, we are impressed with

the fact that they can still be largely increased. If the additional appropriations, which we have suggested for the ensuing year be made, there will be need of this increase. We feel confident, however, that the Diocese will respond to every effort which may be made toward its development, and will place in the treasury of the Church such funds as are needful to carry on the work.

As matters of interest and information, we append synopsis of reports from the various Convocations and also a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Missionary Funds. The reports of the General Missionary and of the Special Agent of the Board are published elsewhere.

WESTERN CONVOCATION.

The Dean reports that there is immediate need of one or more Missionaries to act as itinerants, serving several places grouped together. Among the places of special importance are Bluff Springs in Escambia county, DeFuniak, in Walton county, Argyle, in Holmes county, and Chipley, in Washington county. These are all on the line of Railroads and can be conveniently reached. At each of these points there are a few church families, and some communicants. At Bluff Springs, where we have a Lay-Reader, there ought to be a small and inexpensive Church edifice. At DeFuniak, which is becoming a resort for a large number of strangers, and where also a local population is gathering, a more expensive and attractive building should be put up. Other points which will soon need attention are St Andrews and Port Washington, in Washington county, and Millview and Molino in Escambia county. The Missionary must be in good health, practical as regards the work, not impatient of results, but willing to go in faith, and unambitious of worldly applause. In Pensacola there is the nucleus of a colored congregation which ought to be assisted.

MIDDLE CONVOCATION.

The Dean of the Middle Convocation writes: The work of the Church in Middle Florida is, as yet, discouraging, from the fact that services should be held in places, which for a long time cannot be self-supporting, and can give little for the maintenance of services. Probably four hundred dollars a year is as much as can be raised annually, from all the places visited by the Missionary. Let me say first what is now being done, and then suggest what I think ought to be attempted.

Madison has services two Sundays in the month; Quincy one Sunday; Lloyd's one Sunday morning; and Ellaville one Sun-

lay night. The Rev. Dr. Roche gives one Sunday night each month to Lloyd's. Week night services are arranged for Quincy one a month, and for Chattahoochee village twice a month. These places extend for about one hundred and ten miles along the F. R. & N. R. R., and are served mostly by the Rev. N. B. Harris, who resides at Madison. This is what is being done; and if any one will take the trouble to look at the map, it can easily be seen what ought to be attempted. A few miles from the junction is a well settled neighborhood which has asked for services, but so far, has asked in vain. A dozen or more miles to the northward of Tallahassee, is Bradfordville, which would gladly welcome a Missionary. Some miles below Lloyd's is Waukenah, in which I believe there was once a parish. Two counties, Liberty and Waukulla, know nothing about the church except by hearsay, or from reminiscences of former times; for I think no Church Clergyman has visited either of them since the war. Now, I would like to have a Missionary visit these counties frequently enough to let the people know that the church is ready to seek out the few scattered ones, to baptize their children, to give the Bread of Life, and to bid them good cheer. To do this, another Missionary is needed, and if I could have from the General Board and from the Woman's Auxiliary together, eight hundred dollars a year, I think I could find the man. And surely that is not too much for the work in Middle Florida. No results can be anticipated at present. I do not believe in organizing, even Missions, hastily; but the church can prove that she does not forget her children, and who shall say, that while we are thinking about numbers and money, the results may not be estimated by a far different standard.

EASTERN CONVOCATION.

The Secretary of the Eastern Convocation writes:

In connection with the regular meetings of the Convocation there were held during the past year, two missionary meetings; one at Palatka and one at Jacksonville. At Palatka there was also a delegate meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The meeting at Jacksonville was remarkable for the prominence given the discussion of missionary work among the colored people. Six missionaries are at work in this district. Four of these are stipendiaries of the General Board. One, the missionary at Fulton is supported by private munificence, and only one, the Rev. Mr. Snowden of Macclenny, is sustained in part by the Diocesan Board.

Additional missionaries should be employed in Duval and St.

John's counties; one in Clay county; one in Alachua and Marion, and one in Levy county.

The Rev. Mr. Snowden has for some time been engaged in Mission work of a high order. At great personal sacrifice he has established at Macclenny, St. James' Academy for girls. This work should receive hearty encouragement from the Diocese.

SOUTHERN CONVOCATION.

The Dean of the Southern Convocation writes:

The Mission field of South Florida may be conveniently described under the following divisions, considering that South Florida embraces that portion of the State south of the north line of Hernando, Sumter and Volusia counties.

Beginning with the Atlantic coast, I would term the first district the Daytona district, taking in all the settlements between Garfield and Oak Hill. The second, or Rockledge district, Titusville, Melbourne, and intermediate points. The third, or Lake Worth district, all south of Melbourne.

Returning north and running inland, we have the fourth, or Enterprise district, containing all settlements between Enterprise and Seville. Next, the fifth, or Lake Eustis, containing the lake regions of Sumter and Orange counties. Then the sixth, or Sanford district, containing all settlements about Lake Jessup, with those contiguous to Sanford. The seventh, or Orlando district, all adjacent to Orlando, and all points on the South Florida Railroad, between Orlando and Longwood. The eighth, or Brooksville district, Hernando county and such points as are not contained in the Lake Eustis district. The ninth, or Tampa district, all of Hillsborough county, and settlements on the Manatee river. The tenth, or Bartow district, all of Polk county. The eleventh, or Fort Myers district, all settlements on the Caloosahatchee River, Charlotte Harbor, and on the line of the Florida Southern Railroad south of Fort Meade. The twelfth, or Key West district, Key West and the islands adjacent. These are not arbitrary divisions, but are intended to show the extent of field and the least number of men actually needed to present the claims of the Church to this rapidly growing field.

It will be seen that at least twelve Missions are needed in addition to the clergy regularly stationed in the more populous towns. To meet this need, we have at present but three men engaged in pioneer Mission work, impeded by the care of larger towns, each of which should require their undivided and constant attention.

Communities are everywhere asking for the Church. In

many instances church buildings have been provided, and in others money and lands will be forthcoming as soon as the missionary will make his appearance.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 442 72
From Woman's Auxiliary.....	2,303 19
By General Missionary.....	234 40
Other sources.....	274 78
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	\$ 3,255 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Stipends and Missionaries.....	\$1,583 42
General Missionary's Salary and Expenses.....	1,210 13
Special Agent's Expenses.....	40 79
Printing, etc.....	13 90
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	2,848 24
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Balance.....	\$406 85

Resolved, That after the discussion on the report, the Council take a recess till 8 o'clock this evening.

The Rev. Mr. Dunham read a supplementary report to the report of the Board of Missions, in behalf of the Dean of the Eastern Convocation.

Mr. Fairbanks, of the Trustees of the University of the South, presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread upon the Journal :

THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH FOR THE DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

Respectfully report, That this Institution continues to merit the confidence and support of the Church in its great educational work. The number of students has increased, and the general condition of the University is encouraging in all its departments. The Theological Department depends for its support upon the several Dioceses, so far as the salaries of the Professors are concerned. The great and increasing demand for clergy at the South must be met chiefly from the education of ministers in the only theological school in our own section, and it is both our interest and duty to do all in our power to promote its interests.

We strongly urge upon the various parishes the taking up of the collections appointed to be taken for the Theological Department, and meeting in full the moderate amount assigned to this Diocese for the year which closes in July.

C. S. WILLIAMS,
G. R. FAIRBANKS,
Trustees.

Mr. Eichbaum, of St. Augustine, was excused from further attendance.

Resolved, That Mrs. Willson's report to the Board of Missions be published in the CHURCH AND HOME.

The Committee on Canons reported.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons respectfully report as follows:

Resolved, That the amendment to Canon XI. be adopted as reported to them, as follows: Amend Section 1 so as to read:

"No Parish shall be admitted into union with the Council of this Diocese, unless there be evidence that the parties applying therefor have for twelve months preceding such application existed as a Mission of an organized Parish, or as an organized Mission under Canon XXI. of this Diocese."

Add as Section 2: "If a new Parish be organized within the Parochial limits of a Parish already in union with this Council, the consent of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of said Parish must be applied for, and if not obtained appeal may be had to the Bishop, who, acting by and with the consent of the Standing Committee, shall decide in the matter. In all cases the consent of the Bishop must be obtained."

W. H. CARTER,
R. T. ROCHE,
G. R. FAIRBANKS,
C. B. PARKHILL.

Received and adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to apportion the sum of \$400, assessed this Diocese for the University of the South, to the Parishes and Missions, on the basis of the Diocesan assessment.

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to give information thereof to each Parish and Mission, and request the prompt payment of the apportionment.

Messrs. G. R. Fairbanks, H. E. Dotterer and Rev. C. B. Wilmer were appointed the committee. When a recess was taken till 8 o'clock this evening.

NIGHT SESSION.

8 P. M.

The Council assembled after recess. It was

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Church, present so much of its report, as is in readiness, and complete it with tabulated statement for insertion in the journal. Whereupon, the Chairman presented the following:

THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church, reports as follows:

The Missionary work of the Diocese is remarkably prosperous. To the Woman's Auxiliary Society, this condition is principally due. It is thoroughly efficient. Increase marks all its operations, the number of Branches organized, the amount of money raised. Of course there are presupposed zeal, discretion, effectiveness on the part of the Missionaries. Parishes are growing, as the business items of the Parochial reports indicate. It is not to be forgotten that statistics do not present the full measure of work or extent of influence. No more striking expression of augmented strength and interest could be had than the large attendance of clergy and laity at the present Diocesan Council. It is not pertinent to comment at length when the tabular statement hereto attached is sufficiently suggestive. The Committee, however, is compelled to characterize many reports as incomplete. There are omissions, and particulars which seem to be incorrectly given. There is but one remedy, viz: Greater conscientiousness in the making of reports. The Committee must call attention to the confounding of the Diocesan indebtedness with Diocesan assessment, or other purposes, by many, moneys raised for the former being put down under the head of the latter. With these criticisms, the Committee commend the annexed statement to the careful inspection of all. In expectation of the invigoration which shall come upon our having again a Bishop to order and supervise our work, we cannot but congratulate the Diocese on the great promise of the situation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, A. D. 1881

WHOLE NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED, 39.

Number of Families.....	1078
Persons not so included.....	1083
Total of persons.....	5021
Lay Readers.....	21
Baptisms—Adults.....	41
“ —Infants.....	359
“ —Total.....	400
Confirmed.....	6
Communicants—Number last reported.....	2173
“ —Admitted.....	63
“ —Added by removal.....	126
“ —Lost by removal.....	236
“ —Lost by death.....	37
“ —Present number.....	1931
Marriages.....	138
Burials.....	215
Sunday School Teachers.....	198
Sunday School Scholars.....	1747
Parish School Teachers.....	18
Parish School Scholars.....	122
Number of Services.....	3000
Holy Communion—Times.....	632

VALUES.

Church Edifices and Grounds.....	\$160,500
Rectory and Grounds.....	19,653
School Property.....	13,000
Other Property.....	20,460
Total Values.....	214,023
Insurance.....	68,250
Indebtedness.....	7,645

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$25,274 34
Diocesan Assessment.....	1,965 28
Diocesan Missions.....	1,925 26
Domestic Missions.....	148 68
Foreign Missions.....	45 55
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	70 10
University of the South.....	77 60
Communion Alms.....	550 63
Other Purposes.....	10,852 85
Jewish Missions.....	8 00

Total Contributions.....\$45,442 84

Number of Sitzings.....6,067

In completion of the above statistics made up from very imperfect reports, the Committee adds from other sources of information, the following:

Number of Families as above	1078
Add	300
Total	1378
Persons not so included as above	1086
Add	203
Total	1289
Total of persons as above	5644
Add	1008
Total	6652
Communicants—present number as above	1931
Add	459
Total	2390
Sunday School Teachers as above	196
Add	46
Total	242
Sunday School Scholars as above	1747
Add	395
Total	2142
Number of Services as above	3699
Add	349
Total	4048
Total values of Church property as above	\$214,023
Add	35,000
Total	\$249,023

Several Parishes and Missions failed to report.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

The Committee on unfinished business, called up the proposed amendment to Canon X, Section 5. The question on the amendment being put by the Chair, was lost.

It was

Resolved, That the Deputies to the General Convention, be requested to present at that body the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Council of the Diocese of Florida, respectfully requests the General Convention to consider the question of Appellate Courts.

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, A. D. 1886.

WHOLE NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED, 39.

Number of Families.....	1078
Persons not so included.....	1086
Total of persons.....	5644
Lay Readers.....	26
Baptisms—Adults.....	44
“ —Infants.....	358
“ —Total.....	402
Confirmed.....	65
Communicants—Number last reported.....	2173
“ —Admitted.....	83
“ —Added by removal.....	185
“ —Lost by removal.....	238
“ —Lost by death.....	37
“ —Present number.....	1931
Marriages.....	138
Burials.....	215
Sunday School Teachers.....	196
Sunday School Scholars.....	1747
Parish School Teachers.....	16
Parish School Scholars.....	192
Number of Services.....	3699
Holy Communion—Times.....	632

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Resolved, That the Council of the Diocese of Florida, respectfully requests the General Convention to consider the question of Appellate Courts.

Resolved, By the Council of the Diocese of Florida, convened in St. Mark's Church, Palatka, on this 10th day of June, 1886, that the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, be, and is, herein, most respectfully, humbly and earnestly, petitioned to instruct its Commission on Ecclesiastical relations, to abandon the passive policy, heretofore followed, in respect to those bodies of Christians, generally recognized as Evangelical, and to send overtures in writing to the governing bodies of the said several denominations, inviting them to conference on the subject of Church Unity.

It was

Resolved, That the next Annual Council be held in Trinity Church, Gainesville.

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Respectfully report, that they have examined the financial statement of the Treasurer and find it correct, and the disbursements properly made and vouched. The committee take pleasure in commending the able report submitted by the Treasurer, and express their appreciation of his zealous and efficient discharge of the duties of his office.

With the increased salary of the Bishop, and expenses of the Diocese, it becomes necessary to add materially to the revenues of the Church. The committee recommend, therefore, that the following schedule of assessments be adopted: The increased assessments they earnestly trust will be met by the different parishes and missions in the spirit in which it is made.

The growth of the Diocese, and the great interest manifested by both clergy and laymen, give assurance that in this expectation they will not be disappointed.

The committee recommend that the assessment be paid quarterly, and most respectfully urge upon the clergy of the Diocese, to call the matter to the attention of their vestries and people, and to see to it that due notice is given of the quarterly payments as they come due. If this is done, the assessments will be paid with far greater ease, and will not be a burden even to those who are least able to give. The Diocese is out of debt, and it requires but the united and faithful effort, of those whose privilege and duty it is to protect the good name and honor of the Church to keep it so.

The effort will be more than compensated in the result.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. DANIEL, Chairman.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS.

Trinity, St. Augustine.....	\$ 300
St. John's, Tallahassee.....	200
Key West.....	150
St. John's, Jacksonville.....	800
St. James, Lake City.....	30
St. Mary's, Milton.....	80
St. Luke's, Marianna.....	30
Trinity, Apalachicola.....	30
Christ, Pensacola.....	400
St. Mark's, Palatka.....	200
St. Peter's, Fernandina.....	150
Christ, Monticello.....	60
Trinity, Gainesville.....	100
Good Shepherd, Maitland.....	30
Holy Cross, Sanford.....	50
St. Andrews, Tampa.....	30
Christ, Longwood.....	10
St. Luke's, Orlando.....	80
Holy Cross, Margaretta.....	10
St. Matthews, San Mateo.....	20
Holy Comforter, Crescent City.....	40
Orange Park.....	20
Christ, Cedar Key.....	80
Our Saviour, Mandarin.....	40
St. Mary's, Green Cove.....	25
Grace, Ocala.....	100
St. John's, Balmoral.....	15
St. Mary's, Madison.....	30
St. Paul's, Federal Point.....	15
St. Thomas, Eustis.....	30
St. Margaret's, Hibernia.....	30
St. George's, Fort George.....	30
St. Mary's, Daytona.....	25
St. Barnabas, Deland.....	20
Our Saviour, Fulton.....	50
All Saints, Fairbanks.....	10
St. Paul's, Waldo.....	10
Melrose Mission.....	10
St. Philip's, Jacksonville.....	40
St. Mary's, Cedar Creek.....	10
All Saints, Enterprise.....	30
St. James, Zellwood.....	25
Emanuel, Welaka.....	10
St. Andrews, East Jacksonville.....	102
St. Joseph's, Bartow.....	10
St. James, Leesburg.....	20
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	\$3,585

Mr. G. R. Fairbanks, from the Committee to attend the assessment for the Theological Department of the University of the South, made the following report :

ASSESSMENT FOR THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

St. John's, Jacksonville.....	\$ 100
Trinity, St. Augustine.....	40
St. Peter's, Fernandina.....	20
St. Mark's Palatka.....	30
St. Andrew's, East Jacksonville.....	15
Holy Trinity, Gainesville.....	25
Christ, Cedar Key.....	10
Grace, Ocala.....	15
Holy Cross, Sanford.....	15
St. Luke's Orlando.....	20
Christ, Monticello.....	20
St. John's, Tallahassee.....	30
Christ, Pensacola.....	30
St. Mary's, Milton.....	10
St. Andrew's, Tampa.....	5
St. Margaret's, Hibernia.....	5
Our Saviour, Fulton.....	5
All Saints, Enterprise.....	10
St. James, Zellwood.....	10
Our Saviour, Mandarin.....	10
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	\$ 415

G. R. FAIRBANKS,
H. E. DOTTERER,
C. B. WILMER,
Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council are heartily returned to the Rector, Vestry and Congregation of St. Mark's Church, Palatka, for their kindly hospitalities.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to pay \$5.00 to the Sexton of St. Mark's Church.

Resolved, That this Council hears, with sorrow, of the death of the Rev. Joseph Ridley Gray, a Priest of this Diocese, who passed to his rest May 17th, A. D. 1886, in the city of Nashville. We place on record our estimation of his services, which, in spite of the infirmities of disease, he was able to render to the Diocese. To his family, we extend our heartfelt sympathies. The Secretary is requested to spread this action upon the minutes.

Resolved, That so much of the Rev. Mr. Knight's sermon as

refers to our late Diocesan, be published in the CHURCH AND HOME.

Resolved, That a Committee, of which Col. J. J. Daniel shall be Chairman, shall be appointed to report to the next Council, upon the advisability of establishing a Diocesan Building Fund.

(No appointment.)

Resolved, That a Committee of three Laymen be appointed to consider the expediency of making some Diocesan provision for the support of aged and disabled Clergy, and their widows and orphans requiring such aid, and report to our next annual meeting a suitable plan for such provision, if deemed expedient. The Chair appointed G. R. Fairbanks, S. A. Swann, and J. J. Daniel.

Resolved, That this Council appreciate the efforts made by the Rev. C. S. Snowden, towards Christian education.

Resolved, That after the usual devotions, this Council adjourns, *sine die*.

Whereupon, the Council adjourned.

J. J. SCOTT, D.D., L.L.D., President.

R. H. WELLER, D.D., Secretary.

J. R. BICKNELL, Assistant Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

TRINITY CHURCH, ST. AUGUSTINE.

No. of Baptisms, 12. Marriages, 12. Burials, 14, Communicants—Total number about 60.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Total amount, about..... \$4,500 00

REMARKS.—The report, owing to well known causes, is very imperfect. The actual statistics are much larger. The number of communicants is reported as less than heretofore, because many names have been erased of those who have not communed for years, of others who were simply winter visitors, and of still others who cannot be identified.

E. L. DROWN, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA.

No. of Families, 85. Persons not so included, 130. Total of Persons, 500. Lay Readers, 2. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 25; total, 26. Confirmed, 14. Communicants—Number last reported, 202; admitted, 10; added by removal, 1; lost by removal, 6; lost by death, 1; present number, 207. Marriages, 12. Burials, 7. Sunday-school Teachers, 10; scholars, 200. Parish-school Teachers, 12; scholars, 52. No. of services, 335. Holy Communion—Times, 50.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$13,000 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	1,800 00
School Property.....	1,800 00
Other Property.....	1,000 00
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Total of Values.....	\$17,600 00
Insurance.....	5,750 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$1,263 17
Diocesan Assessment.....	300 00
Diocesan Missions.....	57 90
University of the South.....	8 60
Other Purposes.....	2,380 86
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Total Contributions.....	\$3,831 43

No. of Sitzings, 450.

J. J. SCOTT, Rector.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TALLAHASSEE.

No. of families, 67. Persons not so included, 23. Total of persons, 299. Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 6; total 7. Confirmed, 13. Communicants—Number last reported, 102; admitted, 14; added by removal, 16; lost by removal, 9; lost by death, 1; names dropped under Canon, 3; present number, 119. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Sunday-school Teachers, 10; scholars, 80. No. of services, 237. Holy Communion—Times in public, 81.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 14,000 00
Insurance	4,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 2,807 25
Diocesan Assessment.....	125 00
Diocesan Missions.....	141 85
For Jews.....	6 00
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	11 60
Communion Alms.....	66 13
Total Contributions.....	3,157 83

No. of Sitzings, 400.

REMARKS.—During the year, by the earnestness and zeal of the ladies, a fine organ worth \$4000, has been placed in a room erected for that purpose; the children contributed nearly three hundred dollars towards the purchase of the instrument.

W. H. CARTER, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

No. of Families. 175. Persons not so included, 160. Total of persons, 1,030. Lay readers, 6. Baptisms—Adults, 8, Infants, 38; Total, 43. Confirmed, no visitation. Communicants—Number last reported, 411; added by removal, 35; lost by removal, 111; lost by death, 15; present number, 305. Marriages, 25. Burials, 48. Sunday-school Teachers, 50; scholars, 448. No. of services, 375. Holy Communion—Times, 40.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 45,000 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	4,000 00
School Property.....	8,000 00
Other Property.....	6,000 00
Total of Values.....	63,000 00
Insurance.....	25,000 00
Indebtedness—none.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 5,542 03
Diocesan Assessment.....	600 00
Diocesan Missions.....	1,906 33
Domestic Missions.....	79 58
Foreign Missions.....	25 00
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	27 50
Diocesan Debt.....	2,375 00
Sunday School Offerings.....	656 42
Communion Alms.....	239 51
Other Purposes.....	800 00

Total Contributions..... 10,051 37

No. of Sitzings, church and chapels, 1,000.

REMARKS.—The large decrease in the number of families, individuals, total of persons, and removal of Communicants, is accounted for by transfer to the several missions of the Parish. There has been no opportunity for Confirmation.

R. H. WELLER, Rector.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FERNANDINA.

No. of families, 40. Persons not so included, 24. Total of persons, 176. Lay readers, 2. Baptisms—Infants, 1. Communicants—Number last reported, 68; added by removal, 5; lost by death, 2; present number, 71. Marriages, 1. Sunday-school Teachers, 8; scholars, 50. No. of services, 107. Holy Communion—Times, 14.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 12,000 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	2,500 00
Other Property.....	800 00
Total of values.....	15,300 00
Insurance.....	9,500 00
Indebtedness.....	830 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	1,486 12
Diocesan Assessment.....	62 00
Diocesan Missions.....	31 41
Domestic Missions.....	1 75
University of the South.....	30 00
Other Purposes.....	145 00

Total Contributions..... 1,756 28

No. of Sitzings, 250.

O. P. THAMKARA, Rector.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PALATKA.

No. of families, 44. Persons not so included, 30. Total of persons, 200. Lay readers, 1. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 7; total, 9. Confirmed, 4. Communicants—Number last reported, 77; admitted, 4; added by removal, 15; lost by removal, 7; lost by death, 1; transferred to St. Philip's Mission, 7; present number, 81. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4. Sunday-school Teachers, 8; scholars, 55. Parish School Teachers, 3; scholars, 103. No. of services, 247. Holy Communion—Times, 23

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 4,500 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	4,500 00
School Property.....	3,200 00
Other Property.....	2,000 00
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Total of Values.....	\$14,200 00
Insurance.....	5,100 00
Indebtedness.....	1,200 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$1,500 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	150 00
Diocesan Indebtedness.....	310 00
Diocesan Missions.....	208 86
University of the South.....	30 00
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Total Contributions.....	\$2,198 86

No. of Sitzings, 200.

REMARKS.—During the last Convention year the Parish has been in charge of the Rev. A. W. Knight. The Parish School has netted \$1,000 in salaries for teachers.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTICELLO.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 3; total, 4. Communicants—Present number, 33. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday-school Teachers, 4. No. of services, 183. Holy Communion—Times, 19.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 3,500 00
Other Property.....	*8,000 00
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Total of Values.....	\$11,500 00
Insurance.....	1,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

.....	\$2,000 00
on Alms.....	135 or 30 00
poses.....	50 00

and Contributions.....\$2,080 00

Sittings, 250.

ks.—*This includes \$7,000 in Jefferson county, \$1,100 mortgage security, and a town lot, on which we have paid \$250. The new church is so far completed that we go forward to its early consecration. By the generous aid of the Vestry, who gave daily supervision to its erection, the edifice is now entirely free from debt, and the next effort will be the building of a suitable Rectory on the same site. We cannot record any marked Church growth, for the people of Monticello are few in number, but invincible attachment, and, with very few exceptions, regular communicants, and devout attendants at every service. The children are baptized, and there are but a scattered few throughout the Parish who could be brought forward for con-

ROBERT T. ROCHE, Rector.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GAINESVILLE.

families, 35. Persons not so included, 70. Total of 105. Lay readers, 3. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 7; Communicants—Number last reported, 87; admitted, by removal, 12; lost by removal, 8; lost by death, 2; number, 91. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday-school 7; scholars, 60. No. of services, 198. Holy Communion, 46.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Office and Grounds	\$ 5,000 00
Real Grounds.....	4,700 90
Property.....	500 00
Total of Values.....	\$10,200 00
.....	4,250 00
.....	1,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$1,143 90
Diocesan Assessment.....	260 00
Diocesan Missions.....	30 00
Domestic Missions.....	22 65
Communion Alms.....	35 30
Rectory Fund.....	1,548 91
Total Contributions.....	<u>\$2,980 76</u>

No. of Sitzings, 180.

REMARKS.—Services are held monthly at Southland, nine miles distant. Five and a half acres of land have been given, and \$800 pledged toward a chapel, now being erected. The surpliced choir has increased in numbers, and rendered effective service. The Rectory was completed in October last, and occupied by the Rector and his family. Hard times have prevented our freeing the Parish from debt.

FRANCIS B. DUNHAM, Rector.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, MARIANNA.

No. of families, 23. Persons not so included, 20 Total of persons, 120. Baptisms—Infants, 5. Total, 5. Communicants—Number last reported, 35. Present number, 35. Sunday-school Teachers, 5; scholars, 40. No. of services, 100. Holy Communion—Times, 20.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	<u>\$2,200 00</u>
Total of Values.....	2,200 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$200 00
Other Purposes.....	100 00
Total Contributions.....	300 00

No. of Sitzings, 100.

REMARKS.—Communion Alms included in other items. Since the beginning of Lent, the work at Marianna has much revived, and prospects are more hopeful than I have previously known.

C. A. APPLE, Rector and Missionary.

TRINITY CHURCH, APPALACHICOLA.

No. of families, 45. Persons not so included, 50. Total of persons, 250. Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 14. Total, 17.

Communicants—Number last reported, 50; admitted, 2; added by removal, 6; lost by removal, 2; lost by death, 1; present number, 55. Burials, 5. Sunday-school Teachers, 12; scholars, 3. No. of services, 110. Holy Communion—Times, 20.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$4,500 00
Total of Values.....	\$4,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$300 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	20 00
Diocesan Missions.....	34 15
Endowed Clergy Fund.....	10 00
Other Purposes.....	555 00
Total Contributions.....	\$919 15

No. of Sitzings, 300.

REMARKS.—Communion Alms included in other items. I regard this, on the whole, the most successful year's work I have accomplished at this place.

C. A. APPLE, Rector and Missionary.

GRACE CHURCH, OCALA.

No. of families, 30. Persons not included, 12. Total of persons, 42. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 10. Total, 10. Communicants—Number last reported, 50; added by removal, 10; present number, 60. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Sunday-school Teachers, 5; scholars, 50.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Ground.....	\$2,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$2,000 00
Indebtedness.....	150 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 902 34
Diocesan Assessment.....	60 00
Diocesan Missions.....	13 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 975 34

No. of Sitzings, 125.

REMARKS.—Indebtedness, amount pledged Diocesan Debt paid.
C. B. WILMER, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KEY WEST.

No. of families, 60. Persons not so included, 200. Total of persons, 236. Lay readers, 2. Baptisms—Infants, 115: total, 115. Communicants—last reported, 50; admitted, 2; lost by death, 4; present number, 48. Marriages 42. Burials 41. No. of services, 48. Holy Communion—Times, 12.

J. B. BAEZ, Missionary.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, LAKE CITY.

No. of families last reported, 22; added, 4; lost 6; present number, 18; Individuals last reported, 18; lost 9; present number, 9; total of persons, 108: added, 7; lost, 22; present number 93. Communicants—last reported, 37; added, 5; lost, 13; present number, 29. Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 1; total, 4. Burials, 2. Sunday-school Teachers, 3; scholars, 25. No. of services, 34. Holy Eucharist—Times, 18.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$ 2,500 00
Other Property.....	135 00
Total	2,625 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$150 00
Other purposes	36 00
Total.....	186 00

No. of Sitzings, 150.

No insurance on property.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

CHRIST CHURCH, CEDAR KEY.

families, 35. Persons not so included, 25. Total of 40. Baptisms—Adults, 8; infants, 9; total, 17. Communicants—Number last reported, 48; admitted, 4; lost by removal, 4; lost by removal, 13; lost by death, 1; number, 49. Marriages, 3. Burials, 13. Sunday-Teachers, 6; scholars, 70. No. of services, about 200. Communion—Times, 17.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Parsonage and Grounds.....	\$ 3,700 00
Church Grounds.....	800 00
Total of Values.....	4,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

.....	1,075 00
Assessment, with old debt.....	70 00
Missions, exclusive of W. A. S.....	15 00
Missions.....	14 00
Missions.....	5 00
Expenses.....	57 00
Total Contributions.....	1,236 00

Sittings, 250.

REMARKS.—The above is but a skeleton of the work of the year. Many improvements were made in and around the Church, costing labor and Mission work, of which no record can be given.
Home Mission—No. of families, 8; Communicants, 10.
Foreign Mission, served by Col. B. A. Coackman, as Lay

WM. WILLSON, Rector and Missionary.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, SANFORD.

Families, 39. Persons not so included, 33. Total of 72. Baptisms—Infants, 12; total, 38. Lay Readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 12; total, 38. Communicants—Number last reported, 62; added by re-baptisms, 1; lost by removal, 22; dropped, 6; present number, 41. Burials, 3. Sunday-school Teachers, 1; 2. No. of services, 88. Holy Communion—Times, 20.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Parsonage and Grounds.....	\$5,000 00
Church Grounds.....	918 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

.....	\$651 40
Assessment.....	30 00
Missions.....	36 20
on Alms.....	30 80
Expenses.....	130 00
Total Contributions.....	\$878 40

REMARKS.—In addition to the above, services were held by me at Rockledge, Tropic, Eau Gallie and Melbourne, on Indian River, at Maitland, Winter Park and Bartow on South Florida Railway.
S. B. CARPENTER, Rector.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MADISON.

No. of Families, 9. Persons not so included, 7. Total of Persons. 46. Baptisms—Infants, 2; total, 2. Communicants—Added by removal, 6; present number, 25. Burials, 2. Bible-class Teachers, 1; scholars, 5. No. of Services, 41. Holy Communion—Times, 3.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$1,450 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	1,250 00
Total of Values.....	\$2,700 00
Insurance.....	1,600 00
Indebtedness.....	1,050 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 83 14
Diocesan Assessment.....	13 00
Domestic Missions.....	1 80
Total Contributions.....	\$100 49
Diocesan Debt.....	2 55

REMARKS.—This report only covers the time of my ministry in Madison, that is, from October 20, 1885 to the present time, June 8, 1886.
NORMAND B. HARRIS, Minister.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, MANDARIN.

No. of families, 35. Persons not so included, 22. Total of persons, 146. Lay-Readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 4. Total, 4. Confirmed—No visitation. Communicants, 40; added by removal, 8; lost by removal, 6; present number, 42. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday-school Teachers, 2; scholars, 12. No. of services, 97. Holy Communion—Times, 15.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,800 00
Total of Values.....	\$2,800 00
Insurance.....	2,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$707 57
Diocesan Assessment.....	25 00
Diocesan Missions.....	10 00
Domestic Missions.....	13 00
Foreign Missions.....	7 00
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	10 00
University of the South.....	5 50
Other Purposes.....	146 34

Total Contributions.....\$924 41

No. of Sitzings, 170.

C. A. CARY, Rector.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, TAMPA.

Baptisms—Infants, 4. Total, 4. Confirmed—No visitation. Communicants—Number last reported, 36; admitted, 1; added by removal, 7; lost by removal, 6; present number, 38.* Marriages, 1. Sunday-school Teachers, 4. Sunday-school Scholars, 20. †No. of services, 108. Holy Communion—Times, 14.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,300 00
Total of Values.....	\$2,300 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$311 69
Diocesan Assessment.....	20 00
Diocesan Missions.....	63 58
Domestic Missions.....	4 10
Foreign Missions.....	2 55
Communion Alms.....	50 41
Other Purposes.....	25 45

Total Contributions.....\$477 78

*Seven of these live at a distance from town. †Other services have been held in the country at night on week days, at stated intervals.

J. H. WEDDELL, Rector and Missionary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MILTON.

No. of families, 22. Persons not so included, 6. Total of persons, 92. Baptisms—Infants, 8. Total, 8. Communicants—Number last reported, 18; added by removal, 4; lost by removal, 1; present number, 21. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Sunday-school Teachers, 3. Sunday-school Scholars, 30. No. of services, 80. Holy Communion—Times, 3.

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VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	2.50
Other Property	2.00
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Total of Values	4.50
Insurance.....	1.00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	2.00
Diocesan Assessment.....	0.50
Diocesan Missions.....	1.00
Domestic Missions.....	1.00
University of the South.....	1.00
Communion Alms.....	1.00
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Total Contributions.....	6.50

No. of Sitzings, 150.

CHAS. E. McDOUGALL, Rec

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DAYTONA.

No. of families, 12. Persons not so included, 20. T
persons, 50 Lay readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 3; t
Present number, 21. Burials, 3. Sunday-school Teac
scholars, 19. No. of services, 18. Holy Communion—T

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	2.50
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Total of Values.....	2.50
Insurance.....	1.00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Assessment.....	0.50
Communion Alms.....	1.00
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Total Contributions.....	1.50

No. of Sitzings, 100.

REMARKS.—The Rev. Geo. G. Jones, of the Diocesan
mont, took temporary charge on the first Sunday in
Sickness, however, has prevented his regular attendance
the above report covers a space of little over four months
This does not include Ormond, with a church lot and
Communicants; Port Orange Church lot, building fund
and ten Communicants, which places were included in
reports of Halifax river work.

M. HUSTON, Senior W

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, ORLANDO.

(From April 5, 1885, to April 26, 1886.)

No. of families, 35. Persons not so included, 25. Total of persons, 155. Lay readers, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 7; total, 3. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Number last reported, 65; admitted, 3; added by removal, 15; lost by removal, 12; lost by death, 1; present number, 70. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7. Sunday-school Teachers, 3; scholars, 20. No. of services, 82. Holy Communion—Times, 20.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$4,100 00
Total of Values.....	\$4,100 00
Insurance.....	1,200 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 947 17
Diocesan Assessment.....	50 00
Diocesan Missions.....	17 25
Other Purposes.....	529 89
Total Contributions.....	\$1,544 31

No. of Sitzings, 185.

REMARKS.—The work of this Parish has been pursued continuously throughout the year, in connection with the care of Maitland Mission.

Divine service every Sunday morning, *except* on the first Sunday of each month, when an evening service would regularly take the place of the morning service.

Holy Communion on the second Sunday of each month, and upon special feast days.

During the winter months we have aimed to hold one regular week day service, and during Lent two week day services, and in Holy Week services every day. Neat pews have just been put in the church in the place of chairs, and very neat windows are expected soon to take the place of canvas.

Of the above contributions, \$75 have given to the Church for a very handsome silver Communion service as a memorial to Mrs. Elizabeth Ward, late wife of the former Rector.

CHAS. S. BARBOUR, Rector.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

No. of families, 50. Persons not so included, 20. Total of persons, 270. Baptisms—Adults, 3; total, 3. Communicants—

Present number, 54. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday-school Teachers, 12; scholars, 80.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$1,500 00
Other Property.....	500 00
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Total of Values.....	\$2,000 00
Insurance.....	400 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 381 16
Other Purposes.....	1,102 00
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Total Contributions.....	\$1,483 16

No. of Sitzings, 125.

REMARKS.—St. Andrew’s has had the services of a clergyman only two months during the Council year; hence the meagre results reported. The present minister has only taken charge since Easter, since which time a guild house has been built, and many improvements made.

A. W. KNIGHT, Rector.

MISSIONS.

CRESCENT CITY, CHURCH OF HOLY COMFORTER.

No. of families, 15. Persons not so included, 8. Baptisms—Infants, 3. Communicants—Number last reported, 14; admitted, 1; added by renewal, 8; present number, 24. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. No. of services, 35. Holy Communion—Times, 8.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$1,500 00
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CONTRIBUTIONS

Parochial.....	\$ 225 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	20 50

No. of Sitzings, 100.

REMARKS.—This report begins with January of this year, the time I took charge of the Mission.

GEO. H. WARD, Missionary.

ST. MATTHEW’S CHURCH, SAN MATEO.

No. of families, 8. Communicants—Number last reported, 10; present number, 13. No. of services, 10. Holy Communion—Times, 3.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$1,200 00
Insurance	800 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Assessment.....	\$13 50
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REMARKS.—Hold service morning and evening at San Mateo on the third Sunday of each month.

GEO. H. WARD, Missionary.

CHRIST CHURCH, LONGWOOD.

No. of families, 6. Persons not so included, 6. Total of persons, 29. Lay readers, 2. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 4; total, 5. Communicants—Added by removal, 3; lost by removal, 12; present number, 17. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday-school teachers, 3. Sunday-school scholars, 23. No. of services, 76. Holy Communion—Times, 12.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$1,500 00
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CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$200 00
Diocesan Assessment.....	10 00
Diocesan Missions.....	4 85
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	1 50
Communion Alms.....	6 00
Other Purposes.....	20 00
Woman's Aux. Society.....	13 45

Total Contributions.....	\$252 70
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F. B. HOLEMAN, Missionary.

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, DELAND.

No. of families, 19. Persons not so included, 3. Total of persons, 45. Communicants—Present number, 23. Sunday-school teachers, 4. Sunday school scholars, 26. No. of services, 61. Holy Communion—Times, 17.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,500 00
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No. of Sitzings, 150.

REMARKS.—Not being able to find any records of past work at St. Barnabas, it is very difficult to make an exact report. The Rev. Mr. Bielby ministered about seven months, one service per week. Present missionary began with Fifth Sunday in Lent; has

established weekly Communion, which is well attended, an evening Sunday service, and Saint Day's Communion. Have also begun the Sunday-school.

C. D. MACH, Missionary.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, ZELLWOOD.

No. of families, 16. Persons not so included, 5. Total of persons, 71. Lay readers, 2. Baptisms—Infants, 1; total, 1. Confirmed, 1. Communicants—Number last reported, 18; added by removal, 7; present number, 25. Burials, 2. No. of services, 46.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,000 00
Indebtedness.....	300 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	\$ 377 06
Diocesan Assessment.....	10 00
Diocesan Missions.....	12 01
Domestic Missions.....	15 00
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	6 80
Church Mission to the Jews.....	4 00
Ladies' Mite Society.....	108 00
Windows and Organ.....	208 06
Episcopal Debt.....	27 97

Total contributions..... \$ 768 90

No. of Sitzings, 100.

REMARKS.—There has been a steady advance during the year. Attendance has more than doubled. The church grounds (five acres) have been fenced, windows, an organ, carpet and bell have been provided, and the future is bright with promise.

WM. H. MILNES, Missionary.

MISSION CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MAITLAND.

No. of families, 13. Persons not so included, 11. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Admitted, 3; lost by death, 1; present number, 27. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. No. of services, 72. Holy Communion—Times, 20.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$3,300 00
Ground Improvements.....	113 00
Church Furniture.....	300 00

Total of Values.....\$3,700 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$459 46
Diocesan Missions.....	10 60
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	11 00
Other Purposes.....	136 50
Total Contributions.....	\$617 59

No. of Sitzings, 130.

Mission work has been continued here throughout the year in connection with the Parochial care of Orlando. Divine service held every Sunday afternoon, except on the first Sunday of each month, when morning service with Holy Communion would regularly take its place. Very efficient help was rendered by Bishop Whipple during the fourteen weeks of his stay this winter in Florida. The church has been repainted, and the grounds and surroundings improved.

Of the above contributions \$136.50 has been made for a bell, that will soon be placed in this church as a memorial to Mrs. Ward, late wife of the former Rector.

CHAS. D. BARBOUR, Rector in charge.

ST. THOMAS MISSION, EUSTIS.

No. of families, 39; Persons not so included, 10. Total of persons, 155. Lay readers, 2. Baptisms—Infants, 4; total, 4. Confirmed, 9. Communicants—Number last reported, 36; admitted, 12; present number, 48. Burials, 5. Sunday-school teachers, 3. Sunday-school scholars, 12. No. of services, 105. Holy Communion—10.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$3,000 00
Insurance.....	1,500 00
Indebtedness.....	600 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 453 14
Diocesan Assessment.....	5 75
Communion Alms.....	35 26
General Collections.....	154 07
From Ladies' Guild.....	600 00
Total Contributions.....	\$1,248 22

No. of Sitzings, 200.

REMARKS.—The Missionary stations connected with St. Thomas Church during the past year have been Mount Dora,

to the church. A large confirmation class is being organized, and the people expect to build a church within a year.

J. B. C. BEAUBIEN, Missionary.

ST. PHILIP'S MISSION, PALATKA.

No. of families, 7. Persons not so included, 4. Total of persons, 40. Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 1; total 2. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Admitted, 4; received from St. Marks, 7; present number, 11. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Sunday-school teachers, 2. Sunday-school scholars, 20. Parish school teachers, 1. Parish school scholars, 57. No. of services, 49. Holy Communion—Times, 11.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$1,800 00
Total of Values.....	\$1,800 00
Indebtedness.....	1,400 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocese Indebtedness.....	\$ 10 00
Total contributions.....	\$ 10 00

No. of Sitzings, 85.

REMARKS.—During the past Conventional year the Mission has been in charge of the Rev. A. W. Knight. The school has netted \$180 in salary to the teacher.

C. S. WILLIAMS, Rector.

ST. EDWARD'S MISSION, LANE PARK.

No. of families, 3. Persons not so included, 15. Total of persons, 26. Communicants—Number last reported, 6; added by removal, 4; present number, 10. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. No. of services, 14.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$24 30
Domestic Missions.....	5 15
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	2 15
Other purposes.....	15 00

Total Contributions..... \$46 60

REMARKS.—A great impetus has been given to church work here recently. The Mission has been organized, lots have been given for a church, some \$400 subscribed for the building, and pledges made to a satisfactory amount to meet expenses. We

have suffered for want of a House of Worship. If we succeed in our effort to obtain that, we have no doubt that our growth will be rapid.

WM. H. MILNES, Missionary.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHAPEL, LA VILLA.

No. of families, 21. Persons not so included, 5. Total of persons, 113. Baptisms—Infants, 2; total, 2. Communicants—Present number, 23. Burials, 5. Sunday-school teachers, 9. Sunday-school scholars, 63. Catechised Sunday-school, 21. No. of services, 51. Holy Communion—Times, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$466 91
Domestic Missions.....	4 25
Foreign Missions.....	9 00
Communion Alms.....	5 35

Total Contributions.....\$485 51

No. of sittings, 100.

REMARKS.—During the year the chancel has been carpeted, and a new bell, a six-light chandelier, and a marble font have been placed in the chapel.

JESSE R. BICKNELL, Minister.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, HIBERNIA, CLAY COUNTY—ORGANIZED MISSION.

To the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Florida:

I beg leave, very respectfully, to report that I have held services regularly every Sunday (and on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent) in St. Margaret's Memorial Church, from the early part of December, 1885, to the middle of May, 1886. The attendance on the part of the residents on Fleming's Island, and of the guests at this winter resort, was quite encouraging. This was the fifth winter in which I officiated here. It is hoped the occasional Lay Services will be held in the coming summer.

Baptisms, 2. Burials, 1. Offerings for Diocesan Mission, \$28.40; for Diocesan Assessment, \$20; total, \$48.40. The offerings during the season amounted to about \$175. There is now a little over two hundred dollars in the fund for the completion of the church and the erection of a bell tower. Communicants, 15.

On January 18, 1886, in answer to a duly signed petition, St. Margaret's Church was received into union, by the Standing Committee of the Diocese, as an organized mission.

WASHINGTON B. ERBEN,
Priest of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Florida :

I beg to report that, with your permission and under letter commendatory from the Bishop of Chicago, I held services regularly at St. George's Chapel, Fort George Island, from the sixth Sunday after the Epiphany to the first Sunday after Easter, inclusive. During that time I celebrated the Holy Eucharist four times, and officiated at a funeral and a wedding, both at Mayport. I would suggest the great desirability, if practicable, of having two clergy living in community, at either Fulton or Fort George, and doing missionary work at those two places, and at New Berlin and Mayport, and possibly at Pablo beach.

Very respectfully,

LUTHER PARDEE,
Priest of the Diocese of Chicago.

Chicago, June, 1885.

MACCLENNY, BAKER COUNTY, FLA.

Report from Easter 1885 to Easter 1886 :

No. of families interested in work, 22. Individuals not so included, 7. Total of persons, 111. Communicants, 14. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 7; total, 9. Marriages 2. Burials, 5. Sunday-school teachers, 3. Sunday-school scholars, 40. No. of services, 63. Holy Eucharist—Times, 10.

Church property—A lot is donated and building soon to be erected.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....\$35 55

REMARKS.—Services are now held in St. James Academy Hall, with sittings for 125.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, MARGARETTA, BAKER COUNTY, FLA.

Report from Easter 1885 to Easter 1886 :

No. of families last reported, 8; lost by removal, 6; present number, 2. Individuals 1. Total last reported, 39; lost by removal, 34; present number, 5. Communicants—Last reported,

5; lost by removal, 3; present number, 2. No. of services, 26.
Holy Eucharist—Times, 23.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$500 00
Other Property	100 00
Total Values.....	\$600 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 64 00
Other Purposes.....	2 50
Total Contributions.....	\$ 66 50

No. of sittings, 75.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

ST MARY'S CHAPEL, CEDAR CREEK.

Report from Easter 1885 to Easter 1886:

No. of families last reported, 17; lost, 1; present number, 16.
Individuals last reported, 2; added, 4; lost 1; present number,
6. Total number of persons, 97. Communicants, 26; lost, 3;
present number, 23. Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 1; total, 4.
Sunday school teachers, 3. Sunday-school scholars, 30. No. of
services, 10. Holy Eucharist—Times, 8.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$150 00
Other Property	60 00
Total of Values.....	\$210 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 10 00
Other Purposes.....	1 00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 11 00

No. of sittings, 60.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

GLEN ST. MARY, BAKER COUNTY, FLA.

Report from Easter 1885 to Easter 1886:

No. of families, 8. Total of persons about, 25. Communi-
cants, 2. No. of services, 12. Holy Eucharist—Times, 7.

Church Property—A lot soon to be donated, and a building
to be erected.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$93 00
Other Purposes.....	5 00
Total Contributions.....	\$98 00

REMARKS.—Glen St. Mary is a growing station. Interested parties are now making arrangements to bring out an English colony, and it is important that we should build an altar there. We use a school building at present, but hope soon to be in our own chapel.

C. S. SNOWDEN, Missionary.

YALAHA MISSION.

No. of families, 16. Persons not so included, 2. Total of persons, 55. Communicants, 15.

REMARKS.—Services have not been resumed during the year. Yalaha is eighteen miles from Lane Park by road, though only three by water. The Missionary would willingly give week-day services, if provision could be made for his conveyance. He does not feel called upon to provide it himself.

WM. H. MILNERS, Missionary.

EMANUEL CHURCH, WELAKA.

Baptisms—Infants, 1; total, 1. Communicants—Number last reported, 8; present number, 15. Sunday-school teachers, 3. Sunday-school scholars, about 12. No. of services, 10. Holy Communion—Times, 4.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....\$800 00

No. of Sitzings, 90.

REMARKS.—After morning service at Crescent City, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, I ride over to Welaka, hold service there, and return the same evening. Hence my knowledge of the people there is meagre.

GEO. H. WARD, Missionary.

TRINITY CHURCH, MELROSE, FLA.

No. of families, 13. Persons not so included, 5. Total of persons, 48. Lay reader, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 1; total, 1. Communicant—Present number, 16. Sunday-school teachers, 2. Sunday-school scholars, 10. No. of services, 13. Holy Communion—Times, 5.

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VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$500 00
Total of Values.....	\$500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 84 28
Domestic Missions.....	1 25
Total Contributions.....	\$ 85 53

No. of Sitzings, 80.

REMARKS.—This report only covers the time from which I took charge as Missionary, November 1, 1885, to June 9, 1886.

W. J. O'BRIEN, Missionary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BALMORAL, FLA.

No of families, 5. Persons not so included, 4. Total of persons, 30. Communicants—Present number, 7. Marriage, 1. No. of services, 14. Holy Communion—Times, 4.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$1,000 00
Total of Values.....	\$1,000 00
Insurance.....	500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 43 50
Diocesan Assessment.....	7 50
Total Contributions	\$ 51 00

No. of Sitzings, 100.

REMARKS.—This report only covers the time from which I took charge as Missionary, November 1, 1885, to June 9, 1886.

W. J. O'BRIEN, Missionary.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ENTERPRISE—ALL SAINTS MISSION, ORANGE CITY.

No. of families, 18. Persons not so included, 3. Total of persons, 35. Lav reader, 1. Baptisms—Infants, 2; total, 2. Communicants—Number last reported, 18; admitted (Orange City), 12; added by removal, 3; lost by removal, 1; present number, 32. Burials, 1. No. of services, 94. Holy Communion—Times, 17.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$2,000 00
Insurance.....	1,500 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$1,047 61
Diocesan Assessment.....	10 00
Parochial (Orange City).....	25 00
Diocesan Missions.....	40 55
Diocesan.....	42 90

Total Contributions\$1,155 06

No. of Sitzings, 132.

E. L. TURQUAND, Missionary.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHAPEL, BROOKLYN, JACKSONVILLE.

No. of families, 25. Persons not so included, 19. Total of persons, 183. Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 33; total, 35. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Present number, 36. Marriages, 1. Burials, 8. Sunday-school teachers, 9. Sunday-school scholars, 90. Catechised school, 12. No. of services, 77. Holy Communion—Times, 9; to sick, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$650 33
Diocesan Missions.....	3 75
General Missions.....	12 00
Communion Alms.....	20 00
Church Mission to the Jews.....	2 00

Total Contributions.....\$668 33

No. of Sitzings, 150.

REMARKS.—Since Easter of last year a recess chancel and a vestry room have been added. The church has been plastered and painted, and a chair and carpet for the church, a credence shelf, a painting of the Good Shepherd, a new surplice made by the donors, a brass book rest, and a fair linen cloth for the altar, have been offered by different members of the congregation.

JESSE R. BICKNELL, Minister.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, FAIRBANKS, FLA.

No of Families, 8. Persons not so included, 15. Total of Persons, 42. Lay Reader, 1. Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 1; total, 4. Communicants—Present number, 10. Burials, 1. No. of services, 24. Holy Communion—Times, 4.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....\$1,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$ 31 93
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Total Contributions.....\$ 31 93

No. of Sitzings, 100.

FOURTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

REMARKS.—This report only covers the time from which I took charge at Missionary, November 1, 1885, to June 9, 1886.
W. J. O'BRIEN, Missionary.

GENERAL STATEMENTS

No. of persons in the Parish are as included 5. Total of persons 4. In cases—Infants 3; total 3. Communicants—Persons 1; total 1. Persons 1. Sunday-school teachers, 1. Sunday-school scholars 10. No. of services 15. Holy Communion—Times 4.

TABLE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Building and Grounds \$1,000 00

Total of Value \$1,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish \$ 75 00
Diocese 15 00

Total Contributions \$90 00

No. of Stewards 15.

REMARKS.—This report only covers the time from which I took charge at Missionary, November 1, 1885, to June 9, 1886.
W. J. O'BRIEN, Missionary.

GENERAL STATEMENTS

No. of persons in the Parish are as included 10. Total of persons 10. In cases—Infants 5; total 6. Communicants—Persons 14; added by removal 9; total 23. Persons 18. Marriages 3. Sunday-school teachers 10. Sunday-school scholars 10. No. of services 15. Holy Communion—Times 4.

TABLE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Building and Grounds \$1,200 00

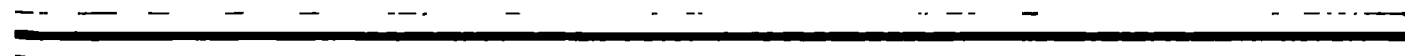
Total of Value \$1,200 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish \$ 44 00
Diocese 15 00
Stewards 40 00
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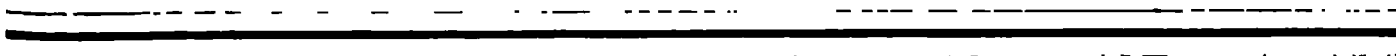
Total Contributions \$ 190 00

NOTE.—The above report came without title or signature, so its locality is given.
SECRETARY.



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Held in Tallahassee, March 30, 31, and April 1, in the year of our Lord, 1886.





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OF THE
FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TALLAHASSEE, March 30, 1886.

Pursuant to a call of the Standing Committee, the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese met in Special Council, in St. John's Church, at 11 o'clock a. m. At the opening service morning prayer was said by the Rev. C. S. Williams, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Palatka, and General Missionary, and the Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Jacksonville. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. W. H. Carter, D. D., LL. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee, the Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary on the Florida Central Railroad, reading the Epistle. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., LL. D., Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola.

On the close of the services the Council was called to order by the Rev. Dr. Scott, the Senior Priest of the Diocese, when the Secretary called the following list of Clergy :

The Standing Committee, under the provision of Article III. of the Constitution and Canon III., presents the following :

LIST OF CLERGY

ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE COUNCIL.

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., LL.D.

The Rev. O. P. THACKARA.

The Rev. R. H. WELLER, D. D.

The Rev. ELEAZAR ROOTE.

The Rev. C. S. WILLIAMS.

The Rev. W. H. CARTER, D. D., LL.D., Ph. D.

The Rev. J. B. BAEZ.

The Rev. C. S. SNOWDEN.
 The Rev. OLIVER TAYLOR.
 The Rev. W. H. MILNES.
 The Rev. J. H. WEDDELL.
 The Rev. S. B. CARPENTER.
 The Rev. W. WILLSON.
 The Rev. F. R. HOLEMAN.
 The Rev. C. A. APPLE.
 The Rev. A. W. KNIGHT.
 The Rev. F. B. DUNHAM.
 The Rev. E. L. DROWN.
 The Rev. N. B. HARRIS.
 The Rev. B. G. WHITE.
 The Rev. J. R. BICKNELL.
 The Rev. C. E. McDOUGALL.
 The Rev. R. T. ROCHE, D. D.
 The Rev. W. W. KIRKBY.
 The Rev. J. B. C. BEAUBIEN.
 The Rev. C. B. WILMER.
 The Rev. C. D. BARBOUR.
 The Rev. C. A. CARY.

Of these there were present:

The Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D., LL.D., Rector of Christ Church
Pensacola.

The Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church,
Jacksonville.

The Rev. C. S. Williams, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Pa-
latka.

The Rev. W. H. Carter, D. D., LL.D., Ph. D., Rector of St.
John's Church, Tallahassee.

The Rev. C. S. Snowden, Missionary on Florida Central Rail-
road.

The Rev. W. H. Milnes, Missionary at Zellwood, etc.

The Rev. Wm. Willson, Rector of Christ Church, Cedar Key.

The Rev. F. B. Dunham, Rector of Trinity Church, Gaines-
ville.

The Rev. C. A. Apple, Missionary at Apalachicola and Man-
 a. nna.

The Rev. N. B. Harris, Missionary at St. Mary's, Madison.

The Rev. B. G. White, Missionary at St. Philips' Church,
 Jacksonville.

The Rev. J. R. Bicknell, Assistant Minister St. John's, Jack-
 onville.

The Rev. Messrs. Williams and Snowden were appointed a
 Committee on Credentials of Lay-deputies who reported the
 following as entitled to seats:

From St. John's, Jacksonville, J. J. Daniel, A. S. Baldwin,
 M. D., D. G. Ambler, F. W. Mumby.

From St. Margaret's Mission, Hibernia, F. A. Fleming.

From Trinity Church, Gainesville, W. W. Hampton, W. K.
 Cessna, W. C. Miller, Alex. Avera.

From St. John's Church, Tallahassee, Robert Walker, D. S.
 Walker, P. Houston, J. S. Winthrop.

From St. Philip's Mission, Jacksonville, W. M. Artrell.

From Christ Church, Pensacola, C. C. Yonge, G. S. Hallmark,
 W. K. Hyer, J. C. Avery.

From Christ Church, Apalachicola, H. L. Grady.

From St. James' Church, Lake City, A. B. Hart.

From Christ Church, Monticello, S. Simkins, J. H. Tucker, J.
 H. Girardeau, D. A. Finlayson.

From St. Peters', Fernandina, G. R. Fairbanks, S. A. Swann,
 H. E. Dotterer, R. S. Schuyler.

Of these the following answered to their names: J. J. Dan-
 iel, F. W. Mumby, W. K. Cessna, W. C. Miller, Alex. Avera,
 Robert Walker, D. S. Walker, J. S. Winthrop, Wm. M. Ar-
 trell, C. C. Yonge, G. S. Hallmark, W. K. Hyer, J. C. Avery,
 H. L. Grady, A. B. Hart, D. A. Finlaysom.

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present, and the
 Council ready for business; when on motion the Rev. J. J. Scott,
 D. D., LL.D., was unanimously chosen President. It was

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of the President, two
 Priests, and one Layman be appointed to draft a suitable minute
 of the decease of our late Bishop, to be entered in the Journal.

The President appointed as such Committee Rev. C. S. Williams, Rev. S. B. Carpenter, and J. J. Daniel.

Resolved, That visiting clergymen from other Dioceses, Clergymen of the Diocese not entitled to seats, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to honorary seats in the Council.

An invitation was received from the Library Association of Tallahassee, offering the free use of their rooms to the members of the Council, which on motion, was accepted with the thanks of the Council.

A meeting of the Lay Members of the Council was called for 4:30 p. m., when on motion, the Council adjourned till after evening prayer at 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. A. W. Knight and the Rev B. G. White, after which the Council assembled for business.

Present, in addition to those in the morning, the Rev. S. B. Carpenter, Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Sanford; the Rev. A. W. Knight, Jr., of Palatka; the Rev. C. B. Wilmer, Rector of Grace Church, Ocala, and the Rev. C. A. Cary, Rector of the Church of our Saviour, Mandarin.

Mr. J. J. Daniel, as Chairman of the Special Committee appointed at the last Council to raise funds to liquidate the Diocesan debt, made the following report, showing that the entire amount was secured in cash and reliable pledges, as follows:

That the entire amount of the debt as estimated was \$5,748 25, that there has been collected since the last Council from past due assessment the sum of \$260, which reduces the amount required to \$5,488,25; this amount the Committee has secured in cash and thoroughly reliable pledges, as will appear by reference to the list attached to this report.

Having performed the duty assigned them, the Committee respectfully ask that the report be received and that they be discharged.

J. J. DANIEL,
C. B. BENEDICT,
S. A. SWANN,
Committee.

PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

Palatka and Putnam County	\$ 600 00
Christ Church, Pensacola	442 00
St. Peter's, Fernandina	300 00
Trinity, St. Augustine	116 00
St. Paul's, Key West	92 00
St. Mary's, Milton	63 00
Lake City and Missions	40 00
Christ, Cedar Key	53 50
St. George's, Fort George	50 00
St. Andrew's, Tampa	24 45
Our Saviour, Fulton	20 00
St. Mary's, Madison	2 50
Sanford and Enterprise	192 50
Jas. M. Cross	100 00
St. Philip's, colored, Jacksonville	25 00
St. John's, Jacksonville	2,380 00
St. James, Zellwood	27 00
Trinity, Gainesville	200 00
Grace, Ocala	150 00
St. John's, Tallahassee	400 00
Christ, Monticello	50 00
St. Thomas, Eustis	50 00
Trinity, Apalachicola	25 00
St. Margaret's, Hibernia	20 00
St. Barnabas, DeLand	25 00
St. Luke's, Orlando	50 00
Total	\$5,523 92

When it was

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Council are due to the Special Committee for the vigorous and successful manner in which they have discharged their important duty, and that the Committee be discharged.

Resolved, That a Committee of three (3) be appointed to consider and report upon the amount of salary to be paid to the Bishop of this Diocese.

Resolved. That this Committee report to the Council at 9 a. m. to-morrow.

The President appointed as this Committee Messrs J. C. Avery, J. J. Daniel, and D. S. Walker.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Council that we proceed at once to the election of a Bishop.

Resolved, That after silent prayer, and devotions led by the President, the two Orders separate and go into an election of Bishop.

After the devotions, the Clergy retired to the vestry room, and failing, after several ballots, to agree upon a nomination, adjourned to 9 a. m., to-morrow. The Lay order adjourned to the same hour.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 9 A.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the Chair; after the opening prayer, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved. There were present in addition to yesterday, the Rev. R. T. Roche, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Monticello, and Mr. J. F. Ciellan, of St. Luke's, Marianna, P. Houston, of St. John's, Tallahassee, and W. W. Hampton of Trinity Church, Gainesville.

The Committee on salary of the Bishop, reported that in the judgment of the Committee, the salary should be fixed at a sum not less than \$20,000 per annum. On motion, the report was received and laid on the table for the present.

The Clergy then withdrew, and failing to agree on a nomination for Bishop, appointed a Committee of two consisting of the Rev. R. H. Weller, D.D., and Rev. Wm. Wilson, to confer with a similar committee of the Laity, as to a suitable nomination. The Laity appointed Messrs. G. R. Fairbanks and C. Y. [unclear].

The Clergy Committee proposed the name of the Rev. Edw. G. Wood, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd at St. Louis, Mo., Georgia.

On the third ballot Mr. Wood was unanimously declared elected by the Clergy to be the Bishop of the Diocese.

This election was communicated to the Laity, who afterwards met the Clergy and they had confirmed the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Wood by a unanimous vote.

The Clergy then returned to the Church where it was

Resolved: That the Secretary procure the necessary testimony of the Bishop-elect, to be signed by the members of the Council after reading and approval.

Resolved: That the Secretary inform Mr. Wood, by telegram, of his election and request answer.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by the Chair, to acquaint Mr. Weed, of his election.

The President appointed as such Committee Rev. R. H. Weller, D.D., and J. J. Daniel. When the Council adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

— EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 31st March, 7:30 P. M.

Evening prayer was said in St. John's Church at 7:30 p. m., by the Rev. Messrs. Milnes and Bicknell, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, after which, the Council proceeded to business.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. There were present in addition to those in the morning, the Rev. J. H. Weddell, of St. Andrew's Church, Tampa, and the Rev. J. B. C. Beaubien, of St. Thomas Church, Eustis.

The Secretary announced that he had sent the following telegram, as directed at the morning session :

"TALLAHASSEE, March 31, 1866.

The Rev. Edwin G. Weed, Augusta, Ga.

"You are unanimously elected Bishop of the Diocese of Florida, by the Council now in session here. Answer.

"R. H. WELLER, Secretary."

and had received an acknowledgement of its receipt. It was

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be requested to make all suitable arrangements for the consecration of the Bishop-elect, and draw on the Diocesan Treasurer for necessary expenditures.

The Secretary presented the testimonial required for the Bishop-elect, which, being the order of the day, the Clergy and Laity proceeded to sign on calling of the roll.

Resolved, That this Council, assembled at Tallahassee, recalls with grief the recent death of the Rev. C. F. D. Lyne, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Key West ; and now hears, with pain, of the calamity by fire which has befallen the Parish, and extends its sympathy to the congregation in their sore bereavement, and in their great loss by the conflagration.

The report of the Committee on the Bishop's salary was taken from the table, when it was

Resolved, That the salary of the Bishop be fixed at \$2,500 per annum.

Resolved, That this Council tenders its hearty thanks to the Rector and people of St. John's Parish, Tallahassee, for the generous hospitality bestowed upon the Council.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Scott, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has presided over the Council.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to consider and report at the next regular Council, a plan for the endowment of the Diocese.

The President appointed on this Committee Messrs. J. J. Daniel, S. A. Swann, D. G. Ambler.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be returned to the transportation companies for favors received by the Deputies.

Resolved, That the sum of five dollars be paid the sexton of St. John's Church by the Treasurer of the Diocese.

Resolved, That the CHURCH AND HOME be requested to publish the proceedings of this Special Council at as early a day as possible.

When, on motion, the Council adjourned to 9 a. m. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1st, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The President in the Chair. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to present a Memorial minute of the late Bishop, to be entered in the Journal, presented the following

MEMORIAL.

While looking forward to the future with hopefulness, and a firm trust in the watchful care and loving kindness of a merciful Father, our thoughts cannot but dwell with sadness, upon the

chair, and vanished presence, of our venerated Bishop, so taken to his well-earned rest.

ed to the charge of this Diocese in its darkest hour, with-
e sustaining hope of its great future, which was hardly
sight, he gave to it the best thoughts, and best energy of
ole life.

his administrative ability we largely owe the broad and
undations upon which others may safely build. With un-
patience he labored, often under adverse circumstances,
would have tried and wearied the hearts of stronger men
e. We recognize now the charitable kindness and wise
tion, which often counseled delay, when a judgment less
ate would have precipitated discord and mistrust; and we
in part his brave endurance of long continued and en-
g ailments, which failed to break his earnest spirit,
gh they added to the heavy crosses his Master suffered him
; in many hours of loneliness and weariness of soul and

do not weep for him. He died as he wished to die, striv-
fulfil his duty to the Master's work to the very last.

efore, we rejoice in his triumph, and in loving remem-
, earnestly beseech "the LORD to grant that he may find
of the LORD in that day."

C. S. WILLIAMS,
S. B. CARPENTER,
J. J. DANIEL,
Committee.

lved, That after the usual devotions the Council adjourn
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J. J. SCOTT, President.

I. WELLER, Secretary.

STANDING RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of each day shall be introduced by prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the chair.
3. The order of business in the Council shall be as follows:
 - 1st. The appointment of a President; if there be no Bishop, if the Bishop is absent.
 - 2d. The appointment of a Secretary, by ballot.
 - 3d. The appointment of the Standing Committees of the Council—viz: Committee on the State of the Church, Committee on Canons, Committee on Finance, Committee on Unfinished Business, Committee on Christian Education, and Special Committees.
 - 4th. The Annual Address of the Bishop, if there be one and he be present, or be absent and transmit his address.
 - 5th. The reading of the Parochial Reports.
 - 6th. Reports from Committees of the Council.
 - 7th. Reports from the Treasurer.
 - 8th. Reports from Committees appointed at the last Council.
 - 9th. The election, by ballot, of a Treasurer, of a Registrar, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, of a Finance Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or present any matter to the Council, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall absent himself from the sittings of the Council, unless he have leave or be unable to attend.
6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the Council.
6. The Council shall vote by orders, whenever one Clergyman or the deputation from one Parish may require it.
8. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the Journal.
9. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Council, and shall not be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Council; *provided always*, that any member of the Council voting in the majority may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move a reconsideration of said vote.

0. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as being in order, until it has been seconded, and if required, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.
1. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.
2. A question on amendment shall be decided before the final motion.
3. Every member who shall be present when the question is put shall vote, unless excused by the Council.
4. When the Council is about to arise, or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the room.
5. The foregoing rules shall be read by the Secretary at the opening of every Council, immediately after prayer.



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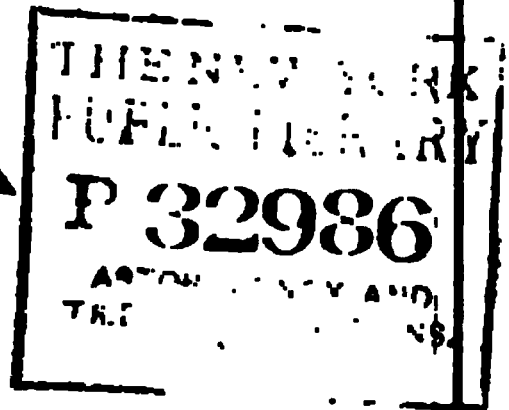
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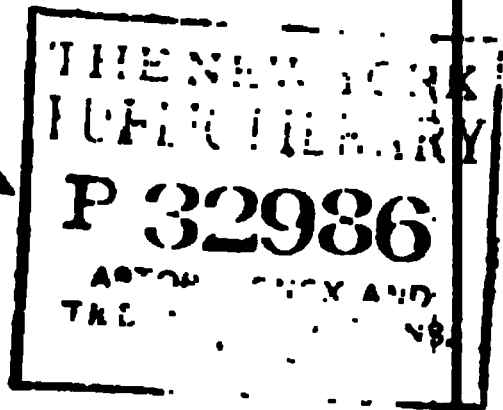
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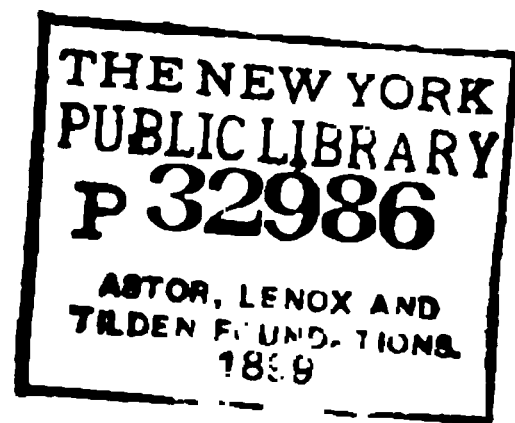
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Daytona.
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The Rev. J. R. BICKNELL, Assistant.

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The Rev. R. H. WELLER, D.D.,
The Rev. F. B. DUNHAM, Secretary.

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S. A. SWANN,
R. D. KNIGHT.

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The Rev. B. G. WHITE.

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Grace Church, Ocala.
- The Rev. R. B. WOLESLEY,
Daytona.

ON ENDOWMENT OF THE DIOCESE :

S. A. SWANN, J. J. DANIEL, D. G. AMBLER, C. B. BENEDICT.

ON LAY PREACHING :

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G. E. HAWES.

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**CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
GAINESVILLE, FLA., May 4, 1887.**

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After the services the Council was called to order by the Bishop.

The Secretary read the following

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The Rev. W. H. Milnes, Missionary at Zellwood.

The Rev. J. H. Weddell, Rector of St. Andrew's Church,
npa.

The Rev. S. B. Carpenter, Rector of the Church of the Holy
ss, Sanford.

The Rev. W. J. O'Brien, Missionary at Fairbanks.

The Rev. William Willson, Rector of Christ Church, Cedar
y.

The Rev. F. R. Holeman, Missionary at Longwood.

The Rev. C. A. Apple, Missionary, Apalachicola and Ma-
na.

The Rev. F. B. Dunham, Rector of Holy Trinity Church,
inesville.

The Rev. E. L. Drown, Rector of Trinity Church, St. Au-
stine.

The Rev. N. B. Harris, Missionary at Madison, etc.

The Rev. B. G. White, Missionary, St. Philip's Church,
acksonville.

The J. B. C. Beaubien, Missionary at Leesburg, etc.

The Rev. R. T. Roche, D. D., Rector of Christ Church,
onticello.

The Rev. J. R. Bicknell, Minister of St. Stephen's, LaVilla,
nd the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn.

The Rev. C. E. McDougall, Minister of St. Mary's Church,
ilton.

The Rev. C. B. Wilmer, Rector of Grace Church, Ocalo.

The Rev. A. W. Knight, Rector of St. Andrew's Church,
ast Jacksonville.

The Rev. G. H. Ward, Missionary at Crescent City, etc.

The Rev. G. S. Fitzhugh, Missionary, at Bartow.

The Rev. C. M. Sturges, Rector of St. Peter's Church,
ernandina.

The Rev. C. D. Barbour, Rector of St. Luke's Church,
rlando.

The President appointed, as a Committee on the Creden-

tials of Lay Deputies, the Rev. Messrs. Roche, Milnes and Carpenter, who reported the following as entitled to seats:

LIST OF LAY DEPUTIES

Trinity Church, St. Augustine—E. M. Alba, M. D., W. P. Eichbaum, J. C. Farrew, W. Staples Drown.

Christ Church, Pensacola—A. E. Maxwell, J. C. Avery, W. K. Hyer, C. B. Parkhill.

St. Peter's Church, Fernandina—George R. Fairbanks, H. E. Dotterer, R. S. Schuyler, W. O. Jeffreys.

St. John's Church, Jacksonville—J. J. Daniel, C. B. Benedict, F. W. Mumby, D. G. Ambler.

St. Mark's Church, Palatka—G. E. Hawes, M. D., M. Houghton, P. Gardner, W. O. Woltz.

St. John's Church, Tallahassee—R. A. Whitfield, Robert Walker, D. S. Walker, W. W. Woodward.

Christ Church, Cedar Key—R. M. Dozier, J. J. Croswell, H. Davis, J. B. Lutterback.

Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville—W. W. Hampton, N. D. Phillips, M. D., W. K. Cessna, L. H. Barnes.

Christ Church, Monticello—D. A. Finlayson, T. L. Clarke, W. M. Girardeau, Joel M. Tucker.

St. Luke's Church, Orlando—H. W. Greetham, T. J. Shine, T. C. Gray, W. H. Holden.

Grace Church, Ocala—J. J. Finley, P. G. Snowden, M. D., B. A. Weathers, F. B. Lippitt.

St. Mary's Church, Milton—W. E. Anderson, J. J. Mintts, H. T. Wright, W. E. McDougall.

Holy Cross Church, Sanford—E. K. Foster, L. McLean, Edwin Durlin.

St. Mary's Church, Madison—J. F. Bythewood, M. D., E. N. Pillott, W. A. Baker, M. D., H. J. Parramore, M. D., A. J. Dozier.

St. Mary's Church, Daytona—J. M. Jones, M. D.

St. Andrew's Church, East Jacksonville—W. A. Young, J. N. C. Stockton, J. E. Merrill, R. C. Scott.

- St. Thomas Church, Eustis*—E. G. Rehner.
St. Matthew's Church, San Mateo—W. R. DeWitt, M. D.
St. Philip's Church, Jacksonville—W. M. Artrell.
St. Paul's Church, Waldo—S. J. Kennard.
St. Paul's Church, Quincy—Thos. K. Wragg, M. D.
Holy Comforter Church, Crescent City—Henry Hutchinson.
All Saint's Church, Fairbanks—J. H. Vanderveer.
Church of the Redeemer, Thonotosassa—W. DeHart, M. D.
St. John's Church, Balmoral—B. B. Ewing.
St. James' Church, Leesburg—A. S. Hardman.
St. Margaret's Church, Hibernia—F. A. Fleming.
St. Edward's Church, Lane Park—H. M. Frith.
St. James' Church, Zellwood—H. P. Burgwin.
St. Joseph's Church, Bartow—A. B. Brookins, M. D.
Our Saviour's Church, Fulton—H. S. Ferrar.
St. James' Church, Lake City—E. L. Snowden.
St. Paul's Church, Federal Point—W. A. Evans.
St. Paul's Church, Key West—J. Y. Porter, John Lowe,
 ., Horatio Crain.

Of these the following were present:

- St. Paul's, Quincy*.—T. K. Wragg.
St. John's, Tallahassee.—R. A. Whitfield.
St. Andrew's, East Jacksonville.—R. C. Scott.
St. Paul's Mission, Waldo.—S. J. Kennard.
Grace Church, Ocala.—P. G. Snowden, M. D.
Holy Comforter, Crescent City.—Henry Hutchinson.
All Saints' Mission, Fairbanks.—J. H. Vanderveer.
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Christ Church, Monticello.—D. A. Finlayson, T. L. Clarke,
 W. Tucker.
Trinity Church, St. Augustine.—W. S. Drown.
St. John's Church, Jacksonville.—C. B. Benedict, F. W.
 umby.
Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville.—W. W. Hampton, N. D.
 illips, M. D., W. K. Cessna, L. A. Barnes.

St. James' Mission, Zellwood.—H. P. Burgwin.

Holy Cross, Sanford.—Edward Durlin.

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Our Saviour's Mission, Fulton.—H. S. Ferrar.

Auburndale Mission.—J. P. Wilson.

St. Luke's Church, Marianna.—J. H. Carter.

On motion the Council took a recess until 3.00 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Council met after recess. There were present, in addition to those at the morning session, the Rev. Messrs. C. S. Snowden, C. A. Cary, C. E. McDougall, and J. J. Daniel, Esq.

The Committee on Credentials made an additional report as follows :

From St. Mary's Church, Milton.—W. E. Anderson, J. J. Mintts, H. T. Wright, W. E. McDougall.

From St. Mary's Church, Daytona.—J. M. Jones, M. D., E. H. Jones.

From St. Matthew's Church, San Mateo.—W. R. DeWitt, M. D.

From St. Thomas, Eustis.—E. G. Rehner.

Of these there answered to their names Messrs. E. G. Rehner, W. R. DeWitt, M. D., J. M. Jones, M. D., E. H. Jones, W. E. Anderson.

The President announced as the first business the election of a Secretary, and appointed as tellers the Rev. Messrs. Milnes, and Wilmer.

The Rev. R. H. Weller, D.D., was declared re-elected.

The Secretary nominated the Rev. J. R. Bicknell as Assistant Secretary, and the nomination was confirmed by the Council.

The Bishop announced the following as the

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL:

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. C. S. Williams,	Messrs. W. K. Cessna,
Rev. N. B. Harris,	Joel H. Tucker,
Rev. C. B. Wilmer,	Louis McLean,

COMMITTEE ON CANONS:

Rev. J. J. Scott, D. D.	Messrs. J. N. C. Stockton,
Rev. E. L. Drown,	D. A. Finlayson,
Rev. W. J. O'Brien,	George R. Fairbanks,
	W. W. Hampton.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Messrs. J. J. Daniel,	T. L. Clarke,
D. G. Ambler,	H. E. Dotterer,
C. B. Benedict,	Rev. S. B. Carpenter,
W. E. Anderson,	Rev. J. H. Weddell.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rev. A. W. Knight,	Messrs. R. A. Whitfield,
Rev. C. D. Barbour,	A. S. Hardman,
Rev. F. R. Holeman,	P. G. Snowden. M. D.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Rev. W. H. Carter, D.D.,	Judge J. J. Finley,
Rev. C. S. Snowden,	Mr. W. S. Drown.
Rev. J. B. C. Beaubien,	Mr. William M. Artrell.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES:

Rev. R. T. Roche, D.D.,	Messrs. G. E. Hawes,
Rev. Wm. Willson,	R. C. Scott,
Rev. W. H. Milnes,	A. J. Dozier.

COMMITTEE ON "CHURCH AND HOME";

Rev. C. E. MacDougall,	Messrs F. W. Mumby,
Rev. G. H. Ward,	G. R. Fairbanks,
Rev. C. M. Sturges,	S. J. Kennard.
	J. M. Jones.

It was *Resolved*, That this Council desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with the Rev. O. P. Thackara, in his continued illness, and regrets that he is unable to be with us, which was passed by a rising vote.

Resolved, That all visiting Clergy from other Dioceses, and Clergy of this Diocese, not entitled to vote, be invited to seats in this body.

In response to this invitation the Rev. W. A. Noyle, of the Diocese of Winchester, England, and E. L. Turquand, of Michigan, took their seats.

The Bishop read his Annual Address (See Appendix A.)

When it was *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the will of the late Bishop of the Diocese, be referred to a Special Committee of three.

The President appointed as this Committee, the Rev. S. B. Carpenter and Messrs. Stockton and Hawes.

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to an offer of land and money, by the people of Auburndale, for the establishment of a Church School, be referred to the Committee on Christian Education, and that the committee report at to-night's session.

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to report at an adjourned meeting this evening, such constitutional changes as may be needed, in order to entitle Deputies from organized Missions and Parishes, admitted under the act of the last Council, which failed to have the approval of the Bishop, to membership in this Council.

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to changes in the Constitution, Canons and Articles of Association, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to

a Church Building Fund, be referred to a Special Committee of three.

The Bishop appointed as this committee, J. J. Daniel, Rev. W. H. Milnes and Dr. T. K. Wragg.

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to old and apparently dead Parishes be referred to a Special Committee of three, to report at this Council.

The Bishop appointed on this Committee, the Rev. J. H. Weddell, G. R. Fairbanks, and W. A. Young.

Resolved, That the remainder of the Address of the Bishop be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Resolved, That the reading of the Parochial Reports be dispensed with.

Mr. Fairbanks gave notice of a proposed change of Canon I.

Mr. Mumby gave notice of proposed new Canon, on Diocesan Church paper.

Mr. Dunham gave notice of proposed change in Article III, of Constitution, by striking out the words "and Missionaries," which passed the first reading. Also, that Article IV be amended, by striking out the words "Divine Service," in the first line, which passed its first reading.

Also gave notice of proposed Amendment to Cannon X, by striking out the words "without nomination," in the third line.

When, on motion, the Council took a recess until 8.00 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8 P. M.

The Council met after recess.

The Secretary presented and read the annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church :

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

The Treasurer's report, appended to this, shows the real work during the past year, but no words or numbers can ever record the patient, unwearying, constant devotion to a duty which seemed at the time to produce such small results. But here the total shows the value of the effort even in a pecuniary point of view.

It has been well said that "Zeal is a principle, enthusiasm is a feeling," and we think our sister workers throughout the Diocese have proved the possession of both.

Some new branches have been formed, and none have abandoned the work, while all have been cheered and encouraged by the presence of the Bishop and his comforting and inspiring words.

The number of Christmas boxes sent from St. John's, Jacksonville, was nine, besides the contributions to the suburban schools, total value, \$200.00, from Pensacola, four boxes, total value, \$60.00; from Tallahassee, two boxes, total value, \$12.00. The total amount collected by all branches of the Diocese is \$2,607.26.

We ask the prayers of all who love the cause of CHRIST and His Church for the continuance of His blessing on our work and workers, and the fulfilment of the promise, "The LORD shall increase you more and more."

MISS H. R. PARKHILL,
MRS. H. SWART,
MRS. M. R. BURTON.

*Diocese of Florida in Account with Mary R. Burton, Treasurer
Woman's Auxiliary to Missions in Florida, 1886-87.*

AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

St. Andrew's Church, Tampa	\$ 68 34
St. John's Church, Tallahassee	133 45
St. Mark's Church, Palatka	163 08
Christ Church, Cedar Key.....	79 30
Kissimmee City Mission.....	51 00
Dunedin Mission.....	17 40
Christ Church, Longwood.....	7 35
St. John's Church, Jacksonville.....	1,126 06
Clear Water Harbor Mission.....	25 50
Holy Cross Church, Sanford.....	105 25
St. Luke's Church, Orlando.....	36 00

Fort Myers' Mission.....	42	80
Fort Meade Mission.....	11	70
Bartow Mission.....	7	30
Christ Church, Monticello.....	17	45
Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville..	63	95
St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.....	113	22
Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City.....	33	75
Lloyd's Mission.....	7	80
St. Paul's Church, Quincy.....	30	20
St. Mary's Church, Madison ..	12	52
St. Paul's Church, Key West.....	34	70
A Friend, Port Orange.....	10	00
St. Mary's Church, Milton.....	109	00
St. Paul's Mission, Federal Point.....	10	80
Holly Hill and Ormond.....	20	75
Christ Church, Pensacola.....	153	25
All Saints, Enterprise.....	12	67
Macclenny Mission.....	7	30
St. Mary's Cedar Creek Mission.....	2	28
Grace Church, Ocala.....	25	00
Maitland and Winter Park.....	26	70
Pomona Mission.....	2	50
St. Andrew's Church, East Jacksonville.....	36	95

Total.....\$2,607 26

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. BURTON, Treasurer.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received, and the committee discharged:

The Committee on Unfinished Business reports to the Council that it finds no unfinished business on the Journal of last year that has not already been called up for action, except such business as is still in the hands of committees.

A. W. KNIGHT,
C. D. BARBOUR,
F. R. HOLEMAN,
R. A. WHITFIELD,
A. S. HARDMAN.

The Committee on Canons made the following report, which, on motion, was received, and passed its first reading:

The Committee on Canons respectfully report that upon investigation of the proposed amendment to Article III of the

Constitution, which was submitted to the Council which convened in the year 1882, we find that said amendment passed the second reading at said Council, but did not pass the third reading.

Your committee therefore recommend the following amendment to Article III of the Constitution, to-wit: Add thereto the words "And one Lay Deputy from each organized mission, elected by the officers thereof."

J. J. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

W. W. HAMPTON, *Secretary*.

The special committee on the proposition for a Church School at Auburndale asked further time, which was granted.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. President:

I would respectfully submit the following financial report of the Diocese of Florida for the year ending May 4, 1887:

RECEIPTS.

Received on account of Diocesan Fund—

Balance carried over.....	\$ 669 48
To assessments.....	3,269 15

Total.....	\$ 3,938 63
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Of this amount \$2,443.65 was collected from the assessment of 1886, the balance (\$825.00 from past due assessments.

Received on account of Diocesan Missions—

Balance carried over.....	406 85
From the Woman's Auxiliary Society.....	2,607 24
From other sources.....	188 62

Total.....	3,292 71
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Received on account of the University of the South—

Balance carried over.....	8 60
From assessments and contributions.....	245 29

Total.....	253 87
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This does not include the entire amount collected for the University. A portion was sent direct. I am glad to state that

the pledge of 1886 for \$350 was collected in full.

Received on account of the Infirm and Disabled Clergy Fund—

Balance caried over.....	40 35
From contributions.....	33 12

Total.....	73 47
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Received on account of the Diocesan Endowment Fund—

To cash paid in by the Special Committee.....	1,196 88
To the sale of bonds.....	245 55

Total.....	1,442 43
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hold in addition four Madison county bonds, with coupons and interest, amounting to.....	622 00
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Also one note given by the Vestry of St. John's Parish, Tallahassee, with principal and interest, amounting to.....	432 00
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One note given by the Vestry of St. Peter's Parish, Fernandina, with principal and interest, amounting to.....	324 00
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Three notes given by the Vestry of Grace Parish, Ocala, with principal and interest, amounting to.....	162 00
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Making in bonds and reliable notes a total of.....	1,540 00
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Which, added to the cash on hand, makes to the credit of the Endowment Fund a total of \$2,982.43.

Received on account of the Holly Hill Building Fund (special)—

Balance carried over.....	13 00
To remittance.....	3 00

Total.....	16 00
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Received on account of work among the colored people... ..	5 00
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Received on account of missions among the Jews.....	3 40
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Total receipts.....	\$10,475 53
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid out on account of the Diocesan Fund—

By the Rt. Rev. E. G. Weed.....	\$1,875 00
By the estate of the late Bishop Young,	1,100 00
By Consecration expenses.....	211 00
By assessment for General Convention expenses.....	123 00
By Journal of Council and other printing.....	136 70
By Secretary of the Diocese.....	25 00
By postage and stationery.....	20 00
By incidental expenses.....	26 03

Total..... 3,516 73

Paid out on account of Diocesan Missions—

By stipends to missionaries.....	2,120 00
By Mrs. G. T. Willson's traveling expenses.....	87 75
By St. Peter's Parish, Fernandina.....	50 00
By Rev. A. W. Knight.....	15 00
By Church and Home.....	2 50

Total.....	2,275 28
By the University of the South.....	218 89
By the Fund for Infirm and Disabled Clergy.....	40 35
By the Endowment Fund....	14 25

Total disbursements..... \$6,065 47

BALANCE ON HAND.

In favor of the Diocesan Fund.....	\$ 421 90
In favor of Diocesan Missions.....	927 40
In favor of the University of the South.....	35 00
In favor of the Fund of Infirm and Disabled Clergy.....	33 12
In favor of the Diocesan Endowment Fund, cash, notes and bonds	2,968 18
In favor of the Holly Hill Building Fund (special).....	16 00
In favor of work among colored people.....	5 00
In favor of missions among the Jews.....	3 40
Total balance on hand.....	\$4,410 00

connection with this report, Mr. President, it is pleasant that the past year has shown a more hearty and ready response to these assessments than ever before. Far off parishes and Missions, that never responded, have awakened to a sense of responsibility to the Diocese, and have paid their past assessments in part. The amount collected is more than that of last year. I am happy to state the Diocese is out and owes nothing but a small balance due the estate of the shop Young, amounting to \$567.38, which can soon be paid and start the fiscal year with a fair balance on hand. All facts point with an unerring hand to a bright financial future for our Diocese.

I will now read a list of the delinquent Parishes and Missions, giving the amount of past assessments due from each. I suggest that the delegates here present, representing these Parishes and Missions, make a note of the amount for future reference. None of the deficiencies I read date back further than the assessment made by the Council of 1882 :

St. John's, Lake City.....	\$ 65 20
St. John's, Key West.....	355 00
St. Thomas, Eustis.....	85 00
St. Luke's, Marianna.....	110 00
St. Peter's, Apalachicola.....	80 00
St. John's, Tallahassee.....	132 25
St. John's, Cedar Key.....	28 25
St. John's, Pensacola.....	150 00
St. Margaret's, Hibernia.....	15 00
St. George, Fort George.....	10 00
St. Nicholas, DeLand.....	40 00
St. Andrew's, Fulton.....	35 00
St. John's, Waldo.....	20 00
St. John's, Mission, Melrose.....	15 00
St. Philip's, Jacksonville.....	15 00
St. Michael's, Welaka.....	20 00
St. John's, Leesburg.....	20 00
St. John's, Balmoral.....	70 00
St. Comforter, Crescent City.....	15 00
St. Cross, Margarett.....	18 00
St. Mary's, Cedar Creek.....	11 50
St. John's, St. Augustine.....	600 00
St. John's, Monticello.....	110 00
St. John's, Shepherd, Maitland.....	90 00
St. Andrew's, Tampa.....	10 00
St. Cross, Sanford.....	22 00

St. Luke's, Orlando.....	65 00
Our Saviour, Mandarin	15 00
St. Mary's, Green Cove.....	105 00
All Saints, Fairbanks.....	40 00
St. Mary's, Madison.....	57 00

PARISHES AND MISSIONS THAT HAVE PAID IN FULL.

St. John's, Jacksonville.	St. Mark's, Palatka.
All Saints, Enterprise.	St. Peter's, Fernandina.
St. James, Zellwood.	St. Andrew's, Tampa.
St. Andrew's, East Jacksonville.	St. Mathew's, San Mateo.
St. Joseph, Bartow.	Holy Trinity, Gainesville.
St. Paul, Federal Point.	Grace, Ocala.
Grace, Orange Park.	St. Mark's, Daytona.
St. Mary's, Milton.	Christ, Longwood.

In addition to these, the following Parishes and Missions have paid the assessment of 1886, in full:

St. Paul, Key West.	Christ, Pensacola.
Trinity, Apalachicola.	Our Saviour, Fulton.
St. Johns, Tallahassee.	St. Paul's, Waldo.
St. Mary's, Cedar Creek.	Melrose Mission.
Christ, Monticello.	All Saints, Fairbanks.
St. Luke's, Orlando.	Holy Cross, Margaretta.

Since this report was made up, quite a large amount has been paid in, which will swell the balance on hand in favor of the Diocesan Fund to \$891.25.

C. B. BENEDICT,
Treasurer.

Mr. F. W. Mumby, Business Manager of the *Church and Home*, made the following report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Church and Home:

F. W. Mumby, B. M., in account with Church and Home, for year ending May 1, 1886.

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May 1, 1885----	
By balance on hand.....	\$ 30 12
Amount received Diocese for cut of	
Bishop Young.....	35 00
To Amount received from ads.....	680 28
" " " " subscription	529 20
	1 274 70

CR.

By Printing and Publishing.....	1 159 00	
" Stationery and Printing.....	113 27	1 272 27
Balance.....		2 43

DR.

For year ending May 1, 1887---

To balance on hand.....	2	43		
To Amount Received from ads.....	599	20		
“ “ “ “ subscriptions..	600	71	1	202 34

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By Printing and Publishing.....	1	079	00	
“ Stationery and Postage.....		99	14	
“ Type for Mailing.....		19	97	1 198 11

Balance on hand.....				4 23
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The Standing Committee made its Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, as follows:

At the Annual Council held in Palatka June 9th, 1886, the Rev. Messrs. Williams, Weller and Dunham, and Messrs. Daniel, Hawes and J. N. C. Stockton were elected the Standing Committee of the Diocese. At their first meeting the Committee organized by the election of Rev. C. S. Williams as President, and Rev. F. B. Dunham as Secretary. There has been since their election eight meetings of the Standing Committee. At the first three meetings the Standing Committee was also acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

At the first meeting, June 10th, 1886, St. Edwards Lane Park was formally received as an organized Mission, and its officers appointed, also for Mission of the Good Shepherd Maitland. The Rev. J. J. Scott, W. H. Carter, C. S. Williams and S. B. Carpenter were appointed Deans of the Western, Middle, Eastern and Southern Convocations, respectively.

June 29th. The invitation of Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, Jacksonville, was accepted as the place for consecration of the Bishop-elect. Rev. Dr. Weller and Col. J. Daniel were appointed Committee of Arrangements.

St. Stephens, LaVilla, was received as an organized mission and its officers appointed. Letters dismissory to Diocese of Long Island were granted to Rev. W. W. Kirkby.

July 12th. The testimonials of Bishop Tuttle, as Bishop elect of Missouri, were signed. J. S. Beakman was received as postulant.

August 11th. The Standing Committee welcomed the Rt. Rev. Edwin G. Weed, Bishop of Florida. The testimonials of Bishop Whittaker, as Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania, were

signed. The Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, was received as an organized Mission and its officers appointed.

Dec. 13. J. S. Beakman, postulant, was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders. The Rev. N. B. Harris, Deacon, was recommended to the Bishop to be advanced to the Priesthood.

March 1, 1887. W. S. S. Atmore, postulant, was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders; like action in case of William Dodd, postulant. The testimonials of the Rev. E. S. Thomas to be Assistant Bishop of Kansas, were signed.

March 31. Henry Hale Bates and J. S. Beakman, candidates for Holy Orders, were recommended to the Bishop for ordination to the Deaconate.

May 4, 1887. Wm. Dodd, candidate for Holy Orders, was recommended to be ordained Deacon, and Edward Staples Drown, postulant, to be candidate for Holy Orders.

The following notices of deposition were received by the Ecclesiastical Authority: Jos. T. Wright, Priest Pittsburgh; Revs. Nils Nordene, Ephraim Therien and Jno. R. West, Chicago; Jno. Jay Joyce, Priest, Albany; Isaac E. Black, Priest, and F. A. Juny, Deacon, Tennessee; Edward L. Greene, Priest, California. And of the restoration of Franklin W. Adams, Priest, Chicago.

SUMMARY.

Testimonials of Bishops Tuttle, Whittaker and Bishop-elect E. S. Thomas were signed.

One Deacon has been recommended to the Bishop to be ordained to the Priesthood.

Four postulants have been recommended to the Bishop to be admitted candidates for Holy Orders.

Three candidates for Holy Orders have been recommended to the Bishop for ordination to Deaconate.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. WILLIAMS, *President.*

F. B. DUNHAM, *Secretary.*

The Executive Board made its annual report. On motion, the preamble and resolutions prepared by the Board were adopted. The proposed Canon was referred to the Committee on Canons.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board respectfully report : That at a meeting held at the Bishop's residence, in the city of Jacksonville, March 31, 1887, being the first meeting held since the last Council, they were advised by the Chancellor that additional legislation was needed in order to legalize their organization and acts. That thereupon a Committee was appointed to prepare and report to the Board such legislation as they might deem necessary. That thereafter, the said Committee presented the following resolution and canon, the adoption of which is respectfully recommended by this Board :

WHEREAS, It appears by the printed Journal of the Council of this Diocese, held at the city of Jacksonville, in the month of May, A. D. 1881, that a resolution was introduced for the organization as a body corporate of the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the several parishes composing the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, under and by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the State of Florida, approved February 10, 1838, and amended February 1, 1881, and

WHEREAS, It does not appear from the records, of said Council or of any subsequent Council that said resolution, or any resolution similar thereto, has been formally adopted, and

WHEREAS, The chartered rights granted by said Acts have been, to all intents and purposes, accepted and availed of by said Church since the amendments aforesaid, and

WHEREAS, It is deemed advisable to so declare and formally to enter upon the records of this present Council the acceptance by said Church of the provisions of said Acts and the benefits and privileges conferred thereby : now therefore

Resolved, That the Bishop, Clergy and Laity, of the several Parishes, composing the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, assembled in Council at the city of Gainesville, Florida, on this 4th day of May, A. D. 1887, declare that they have accepted and do hereby accept the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of Florida, approved February 10, 1838, and the amendments thereto, approved February 1, 1881, with all the rights, privileges and immunities conferred thereby.

The Board further recommended for favorable consideration and action by the Council, the following applications, which have been submitted to them and have their approval : A petition from Rev. J. R. Bicknell and others, asking for the lease of a lot in Brooklyn belonging to the Church to be used for hospital purposes.

Petition for leave to mortgage the Church property at Winter Park to secure indebtedness on the Church edifice.

Respectfully submitted,

The amendment proposed by Mr. Fairbanks to Article II, of the Constitution, passed its first reading, as follows :

"In all meetings of the Council there shall be ten (10) Clergymen present, and lay representatives from six (6) parishes, before they shall proceed to business. A smaller number may adjourn."

The resolution proposed by the Executive Board, accepting the act of incorporation, was adopted.

A petition of Rev. J. R. Bicknell and others, for a lease of a certain lot belonging to the Church in Brooklyn suburb, to be used for hospital purposes, was presented by the Executive Board and, on motion, the petition was granted.

A petition was presented by the Executive Board, asking leave to mortgage the Church property at Winter Park, to secure payment for the erection of the Church. Petition was granted.

The following petition was presented by W. A. Evans, of Federal Point :

To the Honorable Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Florida. Greeting :

WHEREAS, The Episcopal Church, at Federal Point, Fla., erected on a lot of a quarter acre of land, given by heirs of Benjamin H. Hart's estate, from east corner of homestead lot, was by mistake built so as to encroach on the adjoining land. We, the undersigned, who are aggrieved by said trespass, and to rectify said mistake, *do petition* that the Convention authorize the Bishop to give a quit claim deed for a strip of land on the northwest side of said lot, seven by one hundred and five feet (7x105), bounded on the southeast by Church lot, on the northeast by land of E. H. Hart, on the northwest and southwest by land of Louisa A. Hubbard, in exchange for a quit claim deed by the undersigned, of a strip of land seven and one-half by ninety-eight feet (7 1/2x98), on the southwest side of lot bounded on the southeast by Commercial Avenue, on the northeast by Church lot, and on the northwest and southwest by land of Louisa A.

Hubbard, containing, respectively, (735 square feet) seven hundred and thirty-five square feet.

EDWIN SMITH, Sr. Warden,
W. A. EVANS, Jr. Warden,
WM. L. DORR, Sec'y and Treasurer,
EDWIN S. HUBBARD,
LOUISA A. HUBBARD,

Federal Point, Fla., April 28, 1887.

Approved by the Vestry.

On motion, referred to the Executive Board.

Mr. Finlayson presented a proposed amendment to Article V of the Constitution, viz: That Article V of the Constitution be amended, by inserting in the sixth line, after the word "vote," the words, "and the Deputy from each organized Mission be entitled to a quarter of one vote," which passed its first reading.

Resolved, That the reports of Missionaries be made at an evening session to-morrow.

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. Scott and Wilson be excused from attendance to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to 10 a. m., to-morrow.

buildings thereon shall not be sold or mortgaged for twenty years.

That after the buildings and improvements on the site are completed the management may use the funds derived from sales or mortgage of the remaining lands subscribed in maintaining the college.

That the subscribers for the period of ten years may be allowed a representation in the body managing the finances of this college of two-fifths of the members composing said management; in case said subscribers shall fail to elect their portion of said management the Bishop of the Diocese be empowered to appoint any persons he may choose to fill such vacancies.

That the college buildings be constructed in the beginning with sufficient accommodations for at least forty young lady students as boarders. That in case instruction be not carried on for a period of two years in succession, unless prevented by act of Providence, the college building, lands and personal property be sold and proceeds be distributed pro rata amongst the donors.

In submitting the above subscriptions we beg leave to call your attention especially to the fitness of location for this college. The site being one hundred and eighty-six feet above the sea level, the locality being absolutely free from malarious influences, the purity of water, all combining to make the location one of great healthfulness. The proposed college grounds for natural beauty (being on a pretty rise between two very deep clear water lakes) cannot be equalled in the State. The surrounding country abounds in charming lake scenery, affording sites for innumerable winter homes. There exists adjacent a scope of country producing fruits and vegetables at all seasons of the year, the location having such elevation among deep lakes, thus affording almost entire freedom from frost. The location is very accessible, being thirty-nine hours from New York City. Six passenger trains pass Auburndale daily.

We hope and believe we can raise the above subscription to the handsome sum of \$30,000 within the next sixty days.

Very Respectfully,

JOE P. WILSON,
E. M. HOWARD,
Committee.

Resolved, That the Board of Management of said college shall consist of five (5) members, of whom the Bishop shall be one and chairman of the Board. The Council shall elect two (2) members at each annual meeting. The Board shall have full power to manage all the financial affairs of the College, subject

ly to the conditions contained in the written proposal from
Auburndale.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CARTER,
J. B. C. BEAUBIEN,
C. S. SNOWDEN,
W. S. DROWN.

A good deal of interesting information was obtained on the
subject of the report, from Mr. E. M. Howard, of Auburndale,
who, being present as representing the donors of lands and money
for the school, was invited to address the Council, when it was

Resolved, That this Council most heartily approves of the
suggestions and recommendations made by the Committee on
Christian Education, touching the establishment and organization
of a College at Auburndale, for the education of young ladies.

Resolved, further, That said report be referred to the Bishop
and Standing Committee, or in case an Executive Board be
established, to that Board with full power.

The Committee on Canons made the following report,
which was accepted:

We, the Committee on Canons, beg leave to report as fol-
lows, to-wit:

1. We have examined and duly considered the Canon per-
taining to the organization, powers and duties of the Executive
Board, and recommend that the same do pass.

2. We have examined the Canon relating to the adoption
of the *Church and Home*, and recommend that the same do not
pass.

We have, however, prepared, and here submit, a substitute
therefor, which we recommend for passage and adoption by the
Council. We also recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the *Church and Home* newspaper, now
published at Jacksonville, Florida, be declared to be the "Dio-
cesan publication, or newspaper," pursuant to this Canon.

W. W. HAMPTON, Secretary.

The proposed Canon on Diocesan Paper was called up, and
it upon passage by sections. When section 1 was adopted,
sections 2 and 3 after being amended, passed as follows:

CANON — OF A DIOCESAN PAPER.

SECTION 1. There shall be a Diocesan publication, or newspaper, which shall be called *Church and Home*.

Sec. 2. There shall be appointed by the Bishop at the annual Diocesan meetings of the Council, a Committee of nine, five Clergymen and four Laymen, four members of which shall constitute a quorum, who shall be vested with full power and control of the paper; the Bishop shall be *ex-officio* a member and chairman of said Committee.

Sec. 3. The foregoing Committee shall provide for the publication of the paper; elect its editor and business manager, and arrange all salaries attached to said paper.

The business manager shall be secretary and treasurer of the Committee.

Sec. 4. This Committee shall not financially obligate the Diocese without the consent of the Council.

The proposed Canon "on the Executive Board," was adopted as follows:

CANON — OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

SECTION 1. The Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese shall constitute an Executive Board, whose duty it shall be to take charge of, manage and control all lands, tenements, hereditaments, money and other things belonging to the Diocese.

Sec. 2. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be President of the Executive Board and of the corporation.

Sec. 3. The Executive Board shall elect a secretary and prescribe his duties. The treasurer of the Diocese shall be the Treasurer of the Board, and perform all the duties usually pertaining to that office.

Sec. 4. The Executive Board by a vote of two-thirds of its members, the Bishop consenting, shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered, whenever in their judgment it is deemed best to do so, to encumber, alienate or otherwise dispose of any of the property of the Church of the Diocese; *provided*,

1st. That whenever the Council is sitting, such encumbrance, alienation, or other disposition shall only be made by the express direction and consent of such Council.

2d. That no property set aside, used or dedicated for the worship of God shall be alienated or encumbered without the express sanction of the Council.

3d. That no property used for parochial purposes shall be

at any time alienated or encumbered without the written application or consent of the constituted authorities of the parish.

4th. That the Executive Board shall at all times be subject to the direction of the Diocese in Council assembled as to the exercise of the authority hereby vested in said board.

Sec. 5. All deeds, mortgages and conveyances of property shall be signed by the Bishop, and attested by the Secretary of the Board with the corporate seal of the Diocese attached.

Sec. 6. The Executive Board is hereby authorized to adopt such other and further rules and regulations as to the time and place of meeting of the Board, and the conduct of the business affairs of the Diocese under their control as to them may seem for the best interests of the Church, provided that the same be not repugnant to the provisions of this Canon or the Act of the Legislature of the State of Florida, approved February 10th, 1838, and the amendments thereto, approved February 1st, 1881.

The Bishop appointed as the Committee on *Church and Home*, the Revs. R. H. Weller, D. D., C. M. Sturges, and J. H. Weddell, and Messrs. F. W. Mumby, J. H. Knowles and B. B. MacDonell.

On motion, the Council took a recess until 3 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Council met after recess. Leave of absence was granted to Dr. T. R. Wragg, and R. A. Whitfield.

Resolved, That the election of Diocesan officers and Committees be the order of the day for 4 o'clock p. m.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to be called the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and Canon of the Diocese of Florida, and to be composed of the Bishop and any four members of the Council he may select, and whose duty it shall be to carefully revise and compile the Constitution and Canons, and report at the next Council.

The Bishop appointed as this Committee, the Rev. W. H. Carter, D.D., the Rev. C. B. Wilmer, and Messrs. G. R. Fairbanks and D. A. Finlayson.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Bishop to secure from the State Legislature an amendment to the Act of Incorporation, as follows: Section II, line second, by the insertion of the words "and all organized Missions," after the words, "all parishes," referred to Committee on Canons.

Rev. Mr. Dunham presented an invitation from the officers of the East Florida Seminary, for the members of the Council to visit that Institution at 5 o'clock, which was accepted with thanks, *provided* the business of the Council permits.

The proposed amendment to Article III, of the Constitution, adding thereto the words, "and one Lay Deputy from each Organized Mission," passed its second reading.

The Bishop appointed Mr. Greetham in the place of Dr. Wragg, on the Committee on Church Building Fund.

The Committee on *Church and Home* made the following report:

The Committee on the *Church and Home* to which was referred the statement of the Business Manager of that paper, beg leave to report, that the account rendered exhibits a notable degree of success in the face of somewhat adverse circumstances, and gives evidence of energy and perseverance in the management of the undertaking.

In view of the benefit which has undeniably accrued to the Church from the publication of this paper, the Committee would urgently recommend the more adequate support of the enterprise to the consideration of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, and requests them to urge co-operation with the permanent Committee appointed under the Canon in their efforts to sustain the paper. In furtherance of this object, the Committee recommend that the subject of the *Church and Home* enter into the proceedings of the Missionary meeting which will take place to-night, with the conviction that a good Church paper is one of the most economical and effectual Missionary agencies which can be sent into our parishes.

CHAS. E. McDUGALL,
Chairman Committee on Church and Home.

The Committee on Canons, presented the following report, which was received:

The Committee on Canons beg to make the following report :

1. We recommend the adoption of the resolution touching the amendment of the Act of Incorporation of this Diocese.

2. Touching the recommendation of the Bishop as to providing for the appointment of a Treasurer of the fund for the University of the South, independently of the Treasurer of the Diocese; we report: This Committee deems it ill-advisable for us to make the change suggested, at this time, and recommend that this matter be deferred until the revision of the Canons is had by the Special Committee provided for this purpose.

J. J. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the attention of the Committee appointed to revise the Constitution and Canons, be directed to the subject of the representation of the parishes and Missions in the Council.

The proposed amendment to Article V. of the Constitution, by inserting in the sixth line after the word "vote," the words, "and the Deputy from each organized Mission be entitled to one-quarter of one vote," passed its second reading.

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The proposed amendment to Article III. by striking out in the seventh line the words "and Missionaries" passed the second reading: also, the proposed amendment of Article II. by inserting after the word Council in the third line the words, "there shall be required the presence of ten clergymen, and lay representatives from six parishes for the transaction of any business, but a less number may adjourn from day to day," passed the second reading.

Mr. Dunham moved that Canon VI be amended by striking out the words "and from each parish" which was referred to the Committee on Canons, with instructions to report at once.

Resolved. That the Executive Board of the Diocese be instructed to take such steps as may seem necessary to have all Church property in the Diocese vested in a corporation, to hold under the full legal name of the Diocese, and to have capacity as a body corporate.

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Mr. Dunham moved that Canon X be amended by striking out the words "without nomination," which was referred to the Committee on Canons, with instructions to report at once.

Resolved, That the Executive Board of this Diocese be instructed to take such steps as may seem necessary to have all Church property in the Diocese, parochial or otherwise, put under the full legal control of the Diocese in its civil and legal capacity as a body corporate.



The Committee on Canons presented the following report: That the amendment to Canon X be adopted, which was done by a two-thirds vote.

On motion, the petition from E. S. and Louisa A. Hubbard, presented by W. A. Evans, of Federal Point, was granted.

Resolved, That all transfers of property made by the Trustees in behalf of St. Andrews' Church Mission, Tampa, be ratified to this date by this Council.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Bishop ordered the ballot for election of Treasurer.

Rev. B. G. White and Mr. Burgwin, tellers, reported Mr. C. B. Benedict re-elected.

The Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. A. S. Baldwin for Registrar, which was done.

Rev. Mr. White and Mr. Burgwin, tellers, reported as elected on the Standing Committee, Rev. Messrs. C. S. Williams, R. H. Weller, D. D., F. B. Dunham and Mr. J. J. Daniel. Two laymen to be elected.

The tellers reported as elected on the Finance Committee the Rev. J. H. Weddell and Mr. J. N. C. Stockton. One clerical and one lay member to be elected.

It was resolved that the Committee on the Diocesan paper shall take immediate steps looking towards making the *Church and Home* the official paper of the several Southern Dioceses.

Resolved, That clergymen in charge of parishes and missions, or wardens, where there is no clergyman, are respectfully requested by this Council to furnish, by the appointment of a correspondent in each parish or mission (or otherwise), all local and Diocesan news, elections of vestries and deputies to the Council, and all matters of information to the Church in the Diocese to the Diocesan paper at least once a month.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to notify the clergy, and wardens, where there are no clergy, of the above resolution passed by this Council in regard to the *Church and Home*.

The Rev. C. D. Barbour was appointed teller for the election of deputies to the General Convention.

The Committee on the Relief of Disabled Clergy made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee appointed by the last Council to report upon the subject of a Diocesan Fund for the relief of disabled and infirm clergy report that, as the placing of several different Diocesan objects before the Church tends to divide and weaken the interest of Church people in the general requirements of the Church, your committee think that a general Diocesan fund, which shall embrace all these particular objects, will be more effectual and advantageous than separate funds. We therefore recommend that such Diocesan fund be commended to the Church, and its augmentation urged as being the most likely mode of reaching these much-desired objects.

G. R. FAIRBANKS,
J. J. DANIEL.

The Committee on Canons reported, recommending that Canon XI, Section 1, be amended by adding to said section this clause: "Unless, by unanimous consent of the Council assembled, in which case, any parish or mission may be admitted at once, upon application, without the requirements aforesaid," Which was placed on notice.

The Trustees of the University of the South made the following report, which was received:

The Trustees of the University of the South respectfully report: That the grand idea brought forward by the Bishops of the Southern Dioceses thirty years ago, is now in the way of successful accomplishment. The University of the South, the only Church University in the broad area of the Southern Dioceses, has, year by year since its establishment, grown in the number of its students and its material development, until it is now, perhaps, the largest strictly Church institution in this country. Over 300 students were in attendance last year, and we learn with pleasure of an increased attendance during the present session. Our own Diocese is largely represented among its students, and we earnestly commend the institution to the Churchmen of Florida as affording the highest privileges of education in a most healthy locality, with pleasant surroundings, protection to morals, and all that a school should be for the Christian education of our youth. We especially urge upon the Church in the Diocese the hearty support of the Theological

the Council shall have failed to maintain the public worship of the Church (or to pay the regular dues assessed by the Council for the space of two years), or whenever the number of communicants shall have fallen below the canonical number for the organization of a parish, such parish shall cease and determine as a parish in union with the Council, and shall be relegated to the state and condition of an organized mission.

J. H. WEDDELL,
G. R. FAIRBANKS,
W. A. YOUNG.

It was resolved that

WHEREAS, the Church in the Diocese of Florida was organized in the year 1838 in St. John's church, Tallahassee, and the Council meeting next year, 1888, will be the Council of the semi-centennial year; therefore be it

Resolved, That, if invited, the next Council will be held in St. John's Church, Tallahassee.

Rev. Dr. Carter gave the invitation of St. John's Church, Tallahassee, for the semi-centennial meeting.

Resolved, That the Bishop appoint some suitable person to present at that Council an historical sketch of the Diocese from its earliest date.

The Committee on Canons made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, beg to report as follows, to-wit:

1. Touching the report of the Committee on Decayed Parishes, which was referred to this Committee, they recommend that the canons therein reported by them be reported back to the Council, with recommendation that the same be referred to the Special Committee on Revision of Canons for more mature consideration thereof than this committee has the time to give thereto.

2. We have examined into the recommendations of the Board of Missions amending Canons XVII, XVIII and XXI, and advise that the same do each be passed and adopted by this Council.

3. We also recommend the adoption of the following amendments to Canon XX, to-wit: Strike out the word "four" in the first line of Section 1 of said canon and insert the word

“five” instead thereof; and also insert the words “and Key West,” in the third line of Section 1 of said canon, between the word “Southern” and the word “Convocations,” and by striking out the word “and” after the word “Eastern” in the second line thereof.

J. J. SCOTT,
Chairman.

AMENDMENTS TO CANON XVII.

Title: “Of the Board of Missions.”

SECTION 1. The Diocesan Board of Missions shall consist of four clergymen and three laymen elected annually by the Council, and of one member, clerical or lay, from each Convocation of the Diocese.

Each Convocation shall elect its member of said Board at least one month before the next succeeding Council, and his name shall be reported to said Council by the Dean of his Convocation. In case of failure to elect its member on the part of any Convocation, as above provided, the Dean of said Convocation shall appoint said member and shall report such appointment.

The Board shall organize on *the last day of the Session of the Diocesan Council* by the election of a President and Secretary.

Any vacancy occurring in the Board from among those members elected by the Council shall be filled by the Board. Any vacancy occurring among the members from the Convocation shall be filled by the Dean of the Convocation from which the vacancy takes place. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

Amend Canon XVIII by substituting the following:

OF ARCH-DEACONS.

The Bishop may appoint Arch-Deacons, who shall have oversight of the missionary work of the Diocese in such districts as he may direct. Their duties shall be defined by him and he shall fix their salaries by and with the advice of the Board of Missions.

Amend Canon XXI by striking out in Section 11, paragraph 1, the words “nominated by the Bishop and,” and the words “Board of Missions,” and inserting in lieu of the latter the word “Bishop.”

Paragraph 2. Strike out the letter “a” in the last line.

Paragraph 4. Strike out the words “remit or” in the second line.

Paragraph 5. Substitute the words "Senior Warden" for the word "Secretary" in the first line, and strike out all after the words "for the Mission" in the seventh line.

Amend Section 3, paragraph 1, by striking out the words "and willing to aid in its support," and substituting in the third line the words "towards the support of the Mission" for the words "to the Board of Missions."

Paragraph 2. Substitute "Wherever practicable a weekly offertory shall be taken up for the support of the Mission."

Paragraph 3. Strike out.

Paragraph 4. Strike out all after the words "Diocese of Florida."

Paragraph 5. Substitute the word "Warden" for the word "Secretary" in the third line, and strike out all after the words "Board of Missions."

The tellers on the election of a Board of Missions reported as elected the Rev. Messrs. Bicknell, Carpenter and Carter, D. D., and Mr. J. J. Daniel, leaving one clergyman and two laymen to be elected.

It was *Resolved*, That further balloting be postponed until to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That the Council reconsider to-morrow morning its action appointing the next Council to be held at Tallahassee.

The time for the order of the day having arrived, the Board of Missions presented its annual report, which was accepted and its proposed canons referred to the Committee on Canons.

REPORT OF DIOCESAN BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions in submitting this annual report to the Council of the Diocese does so with sincere thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the work which has been accomplished. He who has promised to be with His Church through all time, has made His presence more apparently felt during this twelve-month, and has been showing to us some of the fruits of the labors of those who in the times past bore the burden and heat of the day. That patient Bishop, those toiling missionaries, those encouraging rectors, those sympathetic women, who, while they sat in the darkness, saw a great light, are not all with us to-day as we garner the harvest. Some of them have passed to other fields of labor in the Church militant; others have, with that patient shepherd, passed to their rewards, and but a few

remain with us to tell of their trials and sacrifices. To one alone of those laborers would we call your attention. Incapacitated for work by the trying labors of those early days, he sits uncomplainingly in his chamber, patiently awaiting the summons which shall call him to his reward. For many years he was the moving spirit of the missionary work of the Diocese, and the Board has felt that it would not be misappropriating the funds placed in their hands, by guaranteeing to make up any deficiency which his old parish might have accrued in its endeavors to keep him in comfort during his declining years.

In these latter days, when these older workers are fast disappearing from our midst, God has raised up to us a great missionary in him to whom He has committed the care of the Church in this Diocese. As he has gone from place to place he has found the seed dropped in those days springing up everywhere. It is fast ripening, and the call to garner it while we may is sounded louder and yet more loud. "More laborers!" is the cry which goes up from all sides. We cannot ignore it.

The whole field exhibits a marked increase of activity and prosperity. The missionaries have been faithful and aggressive, each attempting to do far more than he has the strength to do. The Board has endeavored to extend to them every facility in its power. The stipends have been promptly paid from the Diocesan Fund, and such increase has been made in individual cases as the Board, with the Bishop's advice, has deemed most urgent. That these appropriations may be more intelligently made, the Bishop has selected the Board as his advisers in dispensing the funds from the Domestic Committee. The two funds are thus brought together and an attempt made to equalize their disbursement.

The Woman's Auxiliary Society continues to do its great work. It has become one of the permanent institutions of the Diocese, outranking, in the importance of the work it does, the Board of Missions itself. Not only does it supply the means whereby the missionaries are kept in the field, but the *act* of raising the funds is in itself missionary work of the highest order, calling into active service many who would otherwise be doing little for the Master's cause. The Treasurer's Report shows an increase in this fund.

There has been a decrease in the other receipts for missions, but this should occasion no alarm. It has been only eleven months since the last report was made. It is true the Bishop has visited nearly every part of the Diocese, still he has not always taken the offertory at each session, as has been the

custom in the past. This easily accounts for a deficiency, which will be regulated in the future. Notwithstanding this falling off, we have been able to increase the stipends paid about six hundred dollars. We have been enabled to do this by the withdrawal of the general missionary from the field, and the consequent relinquishment of the salary paid him.

One serious question which the Board has had under consideration is the Church's duty to the native inhabitants of the rural districts. How best to reach these people and get them to accept the pure faith as deposited in the Holy Catholic Church, is a question which demands the prayerful consideration of the whole Church in the Diocese. No doubt God will point the way in his own good time; but, in the meanwhile, we must continue revolving the question and securing the means.

The Board desires to call the attention of the Diocese again to the recommendations made by the Board of last year, in regard to the importance of parishes becoming centres of missionary work, and in regard to the vast field of work lying around us among the colored population.

We are glad to announce that three of the Convocations of the Diocese have availed themselves of their right, and have elected the members of this Board to whom they are entitled. It is hoped that during the ensuing year all the Convocations will have representatives in the Board.

The Board has seen fit to recommend to the Council many changes in the missionary canons. The object has been to gain clearness, uniformity and adaptability. These recommendations are submitted in an appendix to this report.

We have but a few more recommendations to make as resultants of a careful study of the field, and these bear more particularly upon the problem of securing laborers. This question which faces us is the question which faces the whole Church. The decrease in the number of candidates for Holy Orders has created alarm, and the Church has placed a petition into its Litany that the LORD may "send forth laborers into the harvest." Already we are told that in some parts of the country the prayer is being answered by an increase in the number of candidates applying for Holy Orders. We would impress on the Diocese this prayer. We would ask the laity to make it their special prayer. We would ask the clergy to look around among their flocks and endeavor to turn the minds of fitting young men to this subject. We must increase the ranks of the ministry if we would have laborers to gather the fast ripening harvest.

Further, we would recommend that earnest laymen endeavor

to, in a measure, supply the lack of sufficient clergy by supplying services in destitute places. The Board has had under consideration the use of lay preachers, and beg leave to suggest that a special committee be appointed by the Council for the further consideration of this important subject, whose duty it shall be to make diligent inquiry concerning the custom of other Dioceses, and also to examine the whole subject historically and report to the next Council. In order that the work now opened may not suffer from lack of attention, and as a relief to the too arduous labors of the Bishop, we have made recommendations through a new canon in regard to Arch-Deacons. Instead of a general missionary for the whole Diocese, we suggest Arch-Deacons for sub-divisions of the Diocese. As the case stands now, many places receive but one service a year, and that at the visitation of the Bishop. Of course the work in these places cannot grow unless followed up. The idea is to give the Bishop one or two priests who are directly under his control, with the title of Arch-Deacons.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 406 85
From Woman's Auxiliary.....	2,607 24
Other sources.....	188 62
Total receipts.....	\$3,202 71

DISBURSEMENTS.

Stipends.....	\$2,135 00
Mrs. Wilson.....	87 75
St. Peter's, Fernandina.....	50 00
Printing Report of Board.....	2 50
Total disbursements.....	\$2,275 25
Balance on hand.....	\$927 46

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. DANIEL,

President.

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed by the Bishop for the consideration of lay preaching, whose duty it shall be to make diligent inquiry concerning it in other Dio-

ceses, and also to examine the whole subject historically and report to the next Council.

The Bishop appointed as this Committee the Revs C. S. Williams, F. B. Dunham and R. T. Roche, D. D., and Messrs G. E. Hawes, W. K. Cessna and D. A. Finlayson.

Rev. Mr. Carpenter proposed the following:

Resolved, That the Council recommend an offertory to be made in each parish and mission on or before Whit-Sunday in each year for the American Church Building Fund. Which was referred to the Special Committee on the Church Building Fund.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Council that St. James School for Girls, located at Macclenny, Fla., and under the management of the Rev. C. S. Snowden, deserves and has the endorsement of this Council, and that every member is earnestly requested to do all in his power to bring the claims of this school to the favorable attention of the people of the Diocese.

Resolved, That an opportunity be afforded to discuss the interests of St. James Academy.

This resolution was followed by a number of interesting speeches.

The tellers on election of Deputies to the General Convention reported Mr. D. G. Ambler elected, leaving one clergyman and one layman to be elected.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of this Council for the Rev. A. W. Knight and Messrs. R. S. Schuyler and H. Hutchinson to fill the vacancies in the Board of Missions.

Which was done, and these gentlemen declared elected.

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns it will adjourn to 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Messrs. Farrew, Clarke, Ewing, Hutchinson and Young were given leave of absence.

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed by the Chair to apportion the sum assessed upon this Diocese for the Theological Department of the University of the South among the parishes and missions.

Resolved, That the Rev. A. W. Knight be instructed to give information of this action of the Council to each parish and

ission and request the prompt payment of the apportionment.

The tellers reported the Rev. C. M. Sturges and Dr. G. E. Lawes as elected Deputies to the General Convention, when the Council adjourned to to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, 10 o'clock a. m.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of yesterday morning's session were read and approved.

The Bishop appointed as the committee to apportion the assessments for the University of the South, Mr. G. R. Fairbanks, Rev. A. W. Knight and Mr. D. A. Finlayson.

The committee appointed to apportion assessments for the Theological Department of the University of the South, submitted their report. Pending the reading of the schedule of assessments, Mr. Ambler, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed in order to permit the report of the Finance Committee to be submitted, as there were several members of the committee who were expected to leave.

The motion to postpone was seconded and passed. The Committee on Finance then made their report as follows:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find them to be in all respects correct.

The Committee submit for the approval of the Council the following schedule of assessments on the several parishes and missions, to provide for the payment of the Bishop's salary and contingent expenses of the Diocese for the ensuing year:

Trinity, St. Augustine.....	\$300
St. John's, Tallahassee.....	200
St. Paul's, Key West....	150
St. John's, Jacksonville.....	800
St. James', Lake City.....	30
St. Mary's, Milton.....	100
St. Luke's, Marianna.....	30
Trinity, Apalachicola.....	50

Isacola.....	500
, Palatka.....	250
, Fernandina	75
Monticello.....	60
Maitland.....	125
pherd, Maitland.....	30
s Sanford.....	50
w's, Tampa.....	25
ngwood.....	10
, Orlando.....	100
s, Margaretta.....	3
w's, San Mateo.....	20
forter, Crescent City.....	40
rk.....	20
dar Key.....	80
ur, Mandarin.....	40
, Green Cove.....	25
cala.....	75
, Cedar Creek.....	4
Mary.....	2
, Federal Point.....	15
as, Eustis.....	39
ret, Hibernia.....	30
e, Fort George	30
s, Daytona.....	25
bas, DeLand.. ..	20
ur, Fulton.....	75
, Fairbanks.....	10
Waldo.....	10
Mission.....	10
s, Jacksonville.....	35
, Enterprise.....	30
, Zellwood.....	25
Welaka.....	10
w's, East Jacksonville.....	125
n, Bartow.....	10
, Leesburg.....	20
y.....	20
pherd, Brooklyn.....	50
n, LaVilla.....	30
issa.....	10
rk.....	10
e	10
lge.....	10
.....	5

Lloyd.....	14
Madison.....	30
Total.....	<u>\$3.872</u>

The Committee earnestly advise the payment of these assessments by quarterly installments.

From the report of the Treasurer it appears that there is in his hands, belonging to the Endowment Fund, \$1,442.43 in money, and notes of certain of the parishes amounting to \$918.

From the Journal of the Council of 1879 it appears that there were turned over to the late Bishop, in part payment of a balance then due him on account of salary, Jefferson county bonds of the par value of \$1,500, and bonds of Madison county of the par value of \$650, which were held by the Diocese as a partial endowment of the Episcopate. These bonds were at the time depreciated, and were accepted by the Bishop for the reason that the Diocese was without funds, and had no other available means with which to discharge the debt due him. They are informed that the Bishop in his lifetime disposed of the Madison county bonds at fifty cents on the dollar, and that his executors have still in their possession the Jefferson bonds, which are past due and have interest accrued on them for several years.

They respectfully submit, that it is but just and right under the circumstances that the obligation of the Diocese to the late Bishop, by reason of the loss incurred by him in the sale of the Madison bonds, be discharged and the bonds still held by his executors redeemed. They therefore recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to pay over to the executors of Bishop Young, an amount equal to the par value of the Jefferson bonds still held by them, they to be entitled to the accrued interest when collected, and that he further pay said executors out of the first funds coming into his hands, not otherwise appropriated, such an amount as will represent the loss incurred by the late Bishop by the sale of the Madison bonds, and meanwhile that the Treasurer be authorized to give the note of the Diocese payable to the executors, drawing interest at the rate of eight per cent., payable annually, for an amount equal to the difference between the par value of the Madison bonds and coupons sold and the value at which they were received by their testator. **The Committee further recommends, that the Treasurer be instructed, with the approval and under the direction of the Executive Board, to invest any other and further sums of money coming into his hands, on account of the Endowment Fund,**

good and reliable interest-bearing securities for the benefit of said fund.

They further recommend, that the parishes which have given their notes for the amount pledged by them to pay off the debt of the Diocese be requested to pay the same as soon as they can do so.

The Committee advise that an earnest effort be made during the coming year to endow the Diocese by the plan proposed at the last Council, and bespeak for it the hearty co-operation of all who are interested in the welfare of the Church.

For the Committee.

J. J. DANIEL,
Chairman.

When, on motion, so much as referred to the estate of the late Bishop was adopted.

The remainder of the report, with the schedule of assessments, was then considered, and after some modifications of the schedule, which were accepted by the committee, the report was adopted at a whole. It was then moved that the arrearages of Trinity church, St. Augustine, be referred to the Treasurer of the Diocese, with discretion and power to adjust the same. This motion, being seconded, was adopted:

On motion, the Treasurer of the Diocese was instructed to cancel the bond held by him against the late Bishop.

On motion, all arrearages of assessments were placed in the hands of the Finance Committee, with power to act.

A motion was made to reconsider the resolution referring the arrearages of Trinity church, St. Augustine, to the Treasurer; which was passed, and a resolution was adopted referring these arrearages to the Finance Committee as in the other cases.

The schedule of the apportionment for the University of the South was then adopted.

The Committee appointed to make the assessment for the Theological Department of the University of the South report the following assessments:

St. John's, Jacksonville.....	\$100
Trinity, St. Augustine.....	40
St. Mark's, Palatka.....	30

St. Andrew's, East Jacksonville.	\$ 20
Holy Trinity, Gainesville.	25
Christ, Cedar Key.	10
Grace, Ocala.	15
Holy Cross, Sanford.	15
St. Luke's, Orlando.	20
Christ, Manticello.	20
St. Peter's, Fernandina.	25
St. John's Tallahassee.	25
Christ, Pensacola.	30
St. Mary's, Milton.	10
St. Andrew's, Tampa.	5
St. Matthew's, San Mateo.	5
Our Saviour, Mandarin.	10
Our Saviour, Fulton.	5
St. George, Ft. George.	5
Good Shepherd, Maitland.	5
St. Paul's, Key West.	20
St. James', Zellwood.	5
All Saints, Enterprise.	10
Total.	<hr/> \$455

A. W. KNIGHT,
G. R. FAIRBANKS.

Mr. E. L. Snowden, of St. James' church, Lake City, appeared and took his seat.

The Endowment Committee presented its report, which was adopted, and the committee continued.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENDOWMENT.

The Committee on the Endowment of the Diocese, appointed at the last Council, respectfully report that they had several meetings during the fall and winter to consider the best method of carrying the proposed plan into effect. The plan, and more particularly the second suggestion of the committee which proposed it, required careful consideration, and this Committee were not prepared to act until too late to report results at this Council.

On the 31st day of March they addressed a circular letter to the clergy and laity of the Diocese, a copy of which is appended to this report.

The Committee commends the suggestions and requests

contained in this circular letter to the attention of those to whom it was addressed. A hearty co-operation on the part of the clergy and vestries of the several parishes and missions will greatly promote the success of the effort.

The Committee have brought themselves into communication with many of the large landed proprietors of the State, and have submitted the matter to them, both personally and in the form of a carefully prepared communication, embodying the details of the plan for the sale of lands on a margin, for the benefit of the fund. A copy of this communication is also appended to the information of the Council.

The Committee regret that they have not been able to accomplish more during the past year. They are confident of the success of the effort if discreetly and vigorously prosecuted. The time is opportune and the results to the Church are so apparent that no argument should be needed to impress its importance and enlist the sympathies and active aid of all who have her welfare at heart.

We advise that a new committee be appointed, with instructions to press the matter vigorously during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. SWANN,
J. J. DANIEL,
D. G. AMBLER,
C. B. BENEDICT.

CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE,
DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., March 31, A. D. 1887.

to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Florida:

At the Council which convened in the city of Palatka in the last, authority was given us to carry into effect a plan for the endowment of the Diocese presented by a committee appointed at a special Council held in Tallahassee, at which our present Bishop was elected.

The report of this committee we append in full, in order that the plan may be better understood. There is no reason why this plan may not be successfully carried into effect, to the great relief of the Diocese and the manifest advancement of the interests of the Church.

We are to blame, perhaps, for not having brought this matter sooner to your attention. There have been reasons for the delay, which to us seemed good, and yet we feel the time being short until we must report our acts, that we need your most

zealous aid in the discharge of the duty to which we have been assigned. We doubt not you realize of what moment to the Church it is that the Diocese be endowed. It is important:

1st. Because it assures the payment promptly and fully of the salary of the Bishop, in which we have heretofore so sadly failed.

2d. It relieves the parishes and missions from assessments for this and other Diocesan purposes, which have been difficult equitably to distribute, and often impossible to collect.

3d. It is intended not only for the support of the Episcopate, but should provide

a. For the extension of Diocesan Missions.

b. To aid in the building of churches and rectories.

c. To provide for the old and infirm clergy and their families.

d. And finally, to supplement the offerings of the people in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Church.

All of this we do not of course expect at once to accomplish. We have faith, however, that all we have outlined can and will be accomplished through the agency suggested. What we now ask is that in every parish and mission in the Diocese the vestry will meet at the call of the rector or clergyman in charge, or if there be no vestry that the missionary, or some earnest layman, bring together those who are interested in the Church, that this appeal be read and a committee appointed to co-operate locally with this general committee in carrying out the plan proposed. The duty of these local committees will be actively to solicit donations of land to the endowment fund.

This can be done with comparatively little effort as we suggest, while it would be almost impossible for the general committee to undertake a personal solicitation over the entire Diocese. We suggest that in many instances ladies may be found who will undertake the work. It may be well, too, for the clergy to urge the matter from the chancel, and request that persons desiring to make donations communicate with some member of the local committee, or with him personally, on the subject.

We enclose printed blanks to be used in obtaining pledges of lands in aid of the fund. The secretary of this Committee will supply these blanks on application. He will be pleased, moreover, to correspond with, and furnish information to, all interested in raising the fund.

Subscriptions other than in lands will gladly be accepted. We suggest that where land is donated a brief statement of its

locality, quality, condition and title be provided for the information of this Committee.

Commending this matter to your earnest consideration, and relying upon your faithful aid, we are,

S. A. SWANN,
J. J. DANIEL,
D. G. AMBLER,
C. B. BENEDICT,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT, MADE AT THE ANNUAL
COUNCIL HELD AT PALATKA, JUNE 9TH, 1886.

The committee appointed to devise and submit a plan for the endowment of the Diocese respectfully report that they have given to the subject their careful consideration, and are of the opinion that the most practical and certain means of providing an endowment fund is by the discreet solicitation and sale of lands.

There are two ways in which lands may be made available for this purpose.

1st. By gifts from churchmen throughout the Diocese of parcels of land, which may be sold and converted into interest-bearing securities.

2d. By an arrangement with large landed proprietors, interested in the Church, to secure the control of available bodies of carefully selected lands, the titles to which must be free from defect and well vouched, and the lands themselves of intrinsic value, with the privilege to the Treasurer, or other agent of the Diocese, to effect sales to the friends of the Church on a margin to be agreed upon, the net proceeds to be in like manner invested for the permanent endowment of the Diocese.

Your committee are convinced that in this way an ample fund may, within a reasonable time, be raised for the endowment of the Church. Much will of course depend upon the selection of a suitable person to act as agent in the handling of these lands, as well as upon the earnest presentation of the matter to those who may be induced to contribute lands, or their control, to the advancement of the fund.

Within our Diocese there are many persons who are not able to contribute in money to an endowment fund but will be glad to give lands to promote an object of such interest to the Church.

In the sale of these lands great care must be taken to act through reliable agents, and to inform the purchaser fully as to

their character. The title should be absolutely good, and the lands themselves must be intrinsically worth the sum for which they are offered.

When lands are sold on a margin it must be explained that the Church controls the lands at the lowest price for which large bodies of land are sold and sells in smaller areas at commensurate rates.

It is believed that friends of the Church, and others desiring to invest in Florida lands, can be found outside of the Diocese who will gladly avail themselves of an opportunity presented and guarded as this would be, and that the interests of the purchaser as well as that of the Church would be promoted.

The parishes of St. Peter, Fernandina, and of Trinity Church, Gainesville, have adopted the plan of selling lands in this way with very satisfactory results, and your committee are informed that a plan somewhat similar has been tried in Iowa and Indiana with marked success.

As an earnest of what may be done, your committee are pleased to announce that one association owning a large area of lands, distributed through seven counties in the central portion of the State, has already expressed themselves willing to place at our disposal ten thousand acres or more to be sold for the benefit of the Church in small lots at retail prices, the Diocese to have full benefit of all excess over the owners' rates.

Your committee recommend the appointment of a committee of three, of whom the Treasurer shall be one, who shall be authorized, and whose duty it shall be, to carry this plan into effect, and report at the next annual Council. This committee should be generally authorized to solicit and receive contributions and pledges to the endowment of the Diocese.

The report of the Treasurer will show that there are several thousand dollars in money and securities belonging to the Diocese, which may be made the nucleus of this endowment fund.

J. J. DANIEL,
S. A. SWANN,
D. G. AMBLER,
Committee.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April, 1887.

DEAR SIR—As a committee appointed by the Diocesan Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Florida, charged with the duty of perfecting a plan for the permanent endowment of the Diocese, we begin to issue in the name of the Diocese twenty thousand land warrants (or "floats") of forty acres each upon the following plan:

1st. Said warrants will entitle the holder thereof to locate the same, in any part of the State upon legal sub-divisions of any lands, not appraised higher than \$2.50 per acre, owned by individuals or corporations in Florida who may co-operate with the committee in its endeavor to solve the problem of how to dispose of and settle up a portion at least of the vast area of unproductive lands within the State.

2d. For the better protection of all parties in interest, and with the view of securing the hearty co-operation of land owners, the said warrants, after being duly executed by us, under authority of the Diocese, will be deposited with prominent trust companies in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other money centres, to be withdrawn (as sold) only by accredited agents of the committee, upon the concurrent deposit by said agents of the full value of each warrant withdrawn, less agent's commission. The proceeds of every warrant to remain in bank, and not be drawn by the committee until said warrant is definitely located, when a check will then be drawn in favor of and for amount due the party whose land is settled upon.

3d. To reimburse the committee for cost of agencies, advertising, printing, etc., and also provide for the necessary endowment fund, land owners will be expected to charge the committee not exceeding their *wholesale* prices (to be agreed upon) for lands entered with warrants, while they will issue deeds to settlers at retail valuations.

4th. The benefits and advantages enuring to the land companies, to incoming settlers, to transportation companies, to the State at large, and to this committee, are these:

a. Land owners who are "land poor" will be furnished with settlers upon their lands with no effort or expense on their part, and upon only contributing the difference between the local price at which forty-acre parcels of their lands are sold, and such less rate at which they would dispose of large areas. They will hardly deny the fact that a *bona fide* settler is worth much more to a land company and the State than the margin between prices referred to.

b. The benefits to the incoming settlers are, that they will be given millions of acres from which to select their homes, while they will not be influenced or compelled to locate on any particular lands, or in any particular part of the State. Arrangements will also be made to bring them to Florida at reduced rates, by steamship and railroads, and if possible free transportation arranged for within the State, over lines on which they actually settle.

c. The committee deem it unnecessary to point out the advantages to be derived by transportation lines who are always quick to note and appreciate the value to them of every settler along their respective lines. The competition now existing between railroad and steamboat lines, added to the great necessity for early settlement and development of the many acres of vacant lands through which all Florida roads now pass, the committee believe will cause the several lines to heartily co-operate with us, in measures best calculated to insure a large movement to the State, upon a plan both comprehensive and liberal.

d. The committee is persuaded that—when properly understood—no better method can be devised to inspire confidence in the thousands who may be deterred from investing in Florida, from apprehension not unnaturally aroused, by the many schemes of questionable character, to which public attention has been drawn. We come before the public as the representatives of the Diocese of Florida, advocating no particular lands and giving preference to no particular section of the State. We enable settlers to reach their destination at nominal cost, and give them the choice of a vast area of country from which to select their future homes. We furnish land owners with purchasers, and transportation lines and the State, with desirable settlers, and in a way to throw the responsibility of a choice of location upon the settler himself, thus giving no further cause for complaint on the part of those from other States seeking investment in our midst.

e. In doing this the committee desire to improve the benefits that will inure to the State at large, from the faithful carrying out of the plan above outlined; land owners and transportation companies should not forget that the raising of this fund means the erection of attractive and permanent churches and mission schools throughout the State, institutions which are so essential to the healthy growth of all communities.

As a matter of business, therefore, with no thought of philanthropy, this circular is addressed to you by the committee, trusting that you will give the subject matter your best attention and let us have your decision by or before the 15th instant, in order that we may have time to prepare and submit our report to the Council to be held in Trinity church, Gainesville, on the -- day of May proximo.

Very respectfully,

S. A. SWANN,

J. J. DANIEL,

D. G. AMBIEFR.

It was *Resolved*, That the Bishop and the Committee on Endowment be empowered to employ a special agent to secure the endowment of the Diocese, so that if possible the sum of \$50,000 be raised as a thank-offering for the semi-centennial of the Diocese.

Resolved, That the control of the property which may be acquired for the Endowment Fund, shall be in the hands of the Executive Board, who shall have power to manage the same for the best interests of the Fund, with full power over the same, to defray all necessary expenses which may be incurred in its management, out of the Fund.

The committee on Canons reported the following, which was adopted unanimously:

In conformity to the recommendations of the Bishop, we herewith submit the following as an amendment to Canon XI:

Strike out Section 5 and substitute therefor the following: "Section 5. The parishioners qualified to vote for vestrymen, shall be as follows, and those only."

1. All male communicants of full age, belonging to the parish, in good standing and recognized as such, and are not at the time under ecclesiastical censure.

2. All baptized male persons of full age, who regularly attend the public services of the Church in the parish, and are recognized as members of the congregation, by the rector, and at least one of the wardens; or, if there be no rector present or presiding, by the wardens; and who contribute by subscription or otherwise, to the funds or expenses of the congregation, and have done so for six months previous to the meeting, and who, in addition, declare themselves conscientiously attached to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church.

J. J. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

It was *Resolved*, That whereas the 19th day of January, next, is the 50th anniversary of the organization of the Diocese of Florida, in St. Johns Church, Tallahassee, be it

Resolved, That the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese is hereby requested to call a special Council of the Diocese to assemble in that Church on that day, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Diocese.

Resolved, That the next annual council meet in St. Johns Church, Jacksonville.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Diocese of Florida, in council assembled, be returned to the parish of the Holy Trinity, and the citizens of Gainesville for their hospitality.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the sum of five dollars to the sexton of the Church.

Resolved, That whereas this is the first meeting of the Council of the Diocese, since the election of the Bishop, the Council desires to put on record its grateful expression of thanks to ALMIGHTY GOD for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in the election of our beloved father in God. Passed.

The committee on the Building Fund made the following report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the American Church Building Fund, in view of the aid which has been extended to this Diocese, and its importance to the general Church, commend the matter to the earnest attention of the clergy and laity, and to their liberal and hearty support.

The Committee approve the resolution offered by Rev. Mr. Carpenter, which was referred to them, and recommend that it be adopted.

J. J. DANIEL,
WM. H. MILNES.
Committee.

The Committee on the State of the Church made their report as follows, which was received, and the committee discharged:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church reports as follows: From a survey of the Diocese, the Committee is constrained to pronounce the general condition most cheering. While numbers do not necessarily indicate strength, they do evidence a more or less lively interest. The gathering of representatives from all parts of the State in council is verily significant of great activity. The effort in missions as well as in parishes to meet assessments and to maintain the auxiliaries to the Diocesan missionary work has been unremitting. The baptized and confirmed

and communicants have multiplied. Congregations appear to have increased, if not in all, in well-nigh all places. In the past the account has been that the Church's hospitality has been very grateful to Christians of various names sojourning or settling in the State; more than ever we discover the popular gift to be towards the Church. All new localities are bidding for our ministrations. Sites for buildings are given or proffered liberally. The question is forced upon our attention: How do we meet these Macedonian calls? The great want is of men. The suffrage is to be urged persistently: "That the LORD send forth laborers into His harvest." We ask attention to an appended summary of statistics made up from fifty-three reports; the largest number by one-third, ever presented at any Council of the Diocese.

Item: The Committee finds valuable property uninsured. The suggestion is made that a new heading be added to the book for report, viz: *Jewish Missions*.

There is one matter relating to the future of the Diocese to which reference is made in the Bishop's address of which the Committee would make mention; we allude to the will of the late Bishop Young. Thereby, "provision is made," in the words of the address, "for the endowment of a cathedral when the same shall be established." It presents to us the grand purpose

Bishop Young's life to make all his doings, even in things secular, bear on the advancement of the Church in the Diocese of Florida.

We record the following minute: That in grateful appreciation, the Committee on the State of the Church names the generous gift by the will of the late Bishop Young to the Diocese of his valuable property, at the close of a natural life, as an important factor in the production of the great future success which all labor and pray with increasing hopefulness.

The Committee learns, with pleasure, that St. Andrew's parish, East Jacksonville, is about to erect a church, which will be a fitting memorial to the late Bishop.

The Committee concludes by extension of congratulation to the Council and Diocese on the bright promise with which our present Diocesan has begun his work.



SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, A. D. 1887.

Whole number of Reports received, 53.

Number of Families.....	1,458
Persons not so Included.....	1,065
Total of Persons.....	5,858
Lay Readers.....	33
Baptisms—Adults..	87
“ Infants.....	363
“ Total.....	450
Confirmed.....	383
Communicants—Number last Reported.....	1,931
“ Admitted.....	324
“ Added by Removal.....	142
“ Lost “ “.....	204
“ “ “ Death.....	39
“ Present Number.....	2,453
Marriages.....	162
Burials.....	229
Sunday School Teachers.....	233
Sunday School Scholars.....	1,994
Parish School Teachers.....	15
Parish School Scholars.....	270
Number of Services.....	2,192
Holy Communion—Times.....	327

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifice and Grounds.....	\$217,400 00
Rectory and Grounds.....	9,700 00
School Property.....	23,075 00
Other Property.....	18,250 00
Total of Values.....	289,425 00
Insurance.....	69,350 00
Indebtedness.....	10,120 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	27,648 37
Diocesan Assessment.....	3,050 50
Diocesan Missions.....	2,320 28
Domestic Missions.....	323 26
Foreign Missions.....	152 68
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	173 85
Expenses of General Convention.....	
University of the South.....	359 79

Communion Alms.....	...	1,016	65
Other Purposes.....		15,026	26
Total Contributions.....		50,756	31
Number of Sitzings.....		5,581	00

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. WILLIAMS,
W. K. CESSNA,
C. B. WILMER,
J. H. TUCKER,
N. B. HARRIS.

Resolved, That three hundred dollars be granted by the Council to the Bishop, out of the Missionary Fund, to expend at his discretion, for the *Church and Home*. Action on which was postponed.

The amendment to Article III, striking out the words "and missionaries," was read the third time and passed.

The amendment to Article IV, striking out the words "divine service" in the first line, passed its third reading and consideration, and was adopted.

The amendment to Article V, inserting after the word "vote," in the sixth line, "and the deputation from each organized mission being severally entitled to one-fourth of one vote," passed its third reading and consideration, and was adopted.

The amendment to Article III, to add after the word "thereof" in the last line, the words "and one representative appointed by the officers of each organized Mission," passed its third reading and consideration, and was adopted.

The amendment to Article II, by inserting after the word "Council" in the third line, the words "there shall be required the presence of ten (10) clergymen, and lay representatives from six (6) parishes for the transaction of any business, but a less number may adjourn from day to day," passed its third reading and consideration, and was adopted.

When the Council took a recess till 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, 3 P. M.

The Council met after recess.

It was *Resolved*, That the following amendment to Canon XI, Section 6, be adopted unanimously

We recommend that Canon XI, Section 6, be amended as follows: Strike out the second clause, beginning with the words "*the Wardens,*" and substitute the following "The Senior Warden, or, in case of his death or absence, the Junior Warden shall provide for the decent celebration of public worship, and in the absence of the Rector (who is *ex-officio* President of the Vestry and of all parish meetings), call meetings of the Vestry and preside according to seniority. *Provided*, That in the event of the death or absence of both Wardens, then, in that case, any three members of the Vestry may call meetings of the Vestry

On motion, the following amendment to Canon IV, Sections 1 and 2, was unanimously adopted.

That Canon IV be amended as follows: Section 1 be amended by striking out the word "in," and the word "parish," in the tenth line of said section, and by striking out all of the last line, and by inserting in the ninth line, immediately after the word "communicant," the words "of the parish or mission which he is appointed to represent."

That said Canon IV be further amended by striking out Section 2, and substituting therefor the following:

SECTION 2—FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

For Deputies: I do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Vestry, or congregation, of Church, held on the day of, A. D. 18..., Messrs. were duly elected to represent said Church in the Council of the Diocese of Florida, to be held at on the day of, next, and that they are communicants in good standing, and regular attendants upon public worship of the Church.

(Signed)

Date, 18...

J. J. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be extended to the railway and other transportation companies for courtesies to this body.

The Chairman called for the election of Chancellor, and appointed Rev. Mr. White and Mr. Scott tellers, who reported Mr. L. I. Fleming as elected.

On motion, the arrangement for a missionary meeting at the next Annual Council, was left to the discretion of the Bishop.

The President called for the election of Trustees of Auburn-lale School, and appointed Messrs. White and Scott tellers, who reported J. N. C. Stockton and H. W. Greetham elected.

The Bishop announced his approval of all Canons and amendments to Canons, passed at this Council.

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the resolutions on Christian Unity, and on Appellate Courts, passed at the last Council, had been presented to the General Convention by the Deputies as instructed by the Council.

Resolved, That after reading and approval of the minutes, and the usual devotions, the Council adjourn *sine die*.

During the reading of the minutes, the resolution to adjourn was reconsidered, and the proposed amendment to Canon XI, section 1, was adopted, with the approval of the Bishop.

Resolved, That a notice of the religious services be inserted in the minutes of the Council.

The minutes of yesterday and to-day's sessions being read and approved, the Bishop, after a few warm words of sympathy, and appreciation of the work of the Diocese and the workers, led the Council in prayer, after which the Council was declared adjourned *sine die*.

EDWIN G. WEED,
Bishop of Florida.

R. H. WELLER, *Secretary.*



APPENDIX A.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

My Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity :

I was consecrated Bishop of this Diocese, on the eleventh day of last August, in St. John's Church, Jacksonville, at the hands of the Rt. Rev. Fathers, the Bishops of Tennessee, South Carolina, Western Texas, Springfield and Louisiana. It is scarcely nine months since I began my work, so that I have done hardly more than learn how great were the labors and trials of my predecessor. I wish it had been my privilege to have been intimately acquainted with him, but this was denied me. I knew him but slightly before I came to Florida, now, however, I feel I know him well, for his works speak, *though he sleepeth*.

As I go over the Diocese, and behold his works, I feel he has written his own epitaph, in the hearts of the people. Laborious and wise ; gifted and accomplished ; faithful and devoted.

Wherever I have been with the convenience of railroads and steamboats, he went on foot, or by horse. When I take into account the labors which his extensive travels involved, it seems strange that his physical forces were not exhausted years ago. At Cocoa he went into the woods axe in hand, and prepared a site for the church. From Key West he passed over to Cuba, and established twelve congregations on that wretched Island. His missionary labors were enormous. But his labors were not confined to mission work. Throughout the Diocese I have learned how his care extended to the minutest details. His taste is to be seen everywhere. I ven'ure to say there is not a diocese in the American Church, with as many temples of worship, constructed with the same reference to the true principles of architecture. He was not only a wise and educated master-builder, however ; his foresight was markedly shown in the selection of *places* for the erection of church buildings. When you consider what a wilderness Florida was when he was consecrated, and when you consider, also, how the Church has kept ahead of immigration, and how the population has followed and clustered round the places, which he selected, as centres of worship, we must pay him the homage due the wise statesman. Not satisfied with planting and establishing the Church in the

most remote districts, he did not rest till he had given the people a love of true Church music, and had instructed them in the proper rendering of the ritual.

A musician thoroughly trained, with a sense of the devotional needs of the Church, with a knowledge of the masters who followed the Psalmist King, he devoted himself with a zeal, tempered by knowledge, which few possess, to the task of elevating the musical standard of the diocese. A man of active mind and scholarly attainments, his spare moments were devoted to studies, which have borne fruit in unearthing those rich treasures of liturgical lore, which have been of such great assistance, in the revision of the Prayer Book. For years he had been preparing a collection of the noted hymns of the world with their music and original words, and where a translation had been made, giving the most rhythmical and idiomatic, but death stopped his work when almost brought to completion. We are thankful to report, however, that his widow, Mrs. Young, has engaged the best talent in America to prepare the pages, so nearly ready for print, and this valuable book has been given to the public. I refer to this work specially, as I know all lovers of music, and of those grand, sturdy hymns which cheered the martyr Church as she trod in the blood of her sons, will desire to possess it. To the sons of the Church who knew and loved the late Bishop, this volume will have an additional value, as it is published as a memorial.

As the Diocese of Florida was ever first in his life and thoughts, so to the last he was faithful. In his last will and testament he has most generously, and to the glory of God, left the Diocese of Florida sole possessor of his estate at the death of his widow. This estate is now in the hands of the executrix, Mrs. Young, and the executor, Mr. J. N. C. Stockton, who have full authority to sell and re-invest. One of the Bishop's requests was, that the Council of the Diocese should elect a council of advisors, at its first meeting after his death, to manage the estate when it should come into their hands. The revenue of the estate, according to the provisions of the will, shall be distributed by the Bishop and his advisors, in such manner as shall seem to them proper, except no part thereof shall be used for the payment of his successor's salary or the salary of his successor's successor. The will further provides in case a cathedral shall be established, then the care of the estate shall be transferred to the Dean and Chapter of the cathedral by the council of advisors. The natural result of this will be, to devote the revenue of the estate to the support of the cathedral. In other words, the Bishop has made provision for the endow-

ment of a cathedral, when one shall be established. I sincerely hope the Council will pass such resolutions and take such steps as will express their appreciation of the generosity and nobleness, the devotion and self-sacrifice, the zeal and energy, of this ripe scholar, patient laborer, and devoted servant of Christ.

Our Diocese is pre-eminently a missionary diocese; and I aspire to follow in the footsteps of your late Diocesan, and be your chief missionary. The Church is constantly finding her way into new fields, and making new advances into the *terra incognita*, of the southern portion of the State. Since I have been your Bishop the churches at Melrose, Huntington, Winter Park, Thonotosassa, Cocoa and Melbourne have been erected. The building at Cocoa is a perfect gem and in every way adapted to the position which it occupies by the side of the water amid the palm trees. At Melbourne, overlooking an arm of that narrow inland sea, called the Indian River, stands a beautiful church and a most comfortable rectory. This rectory was occupied during the winter by the Rev. Dr. Dubose, of Sewanee, and during the spring by the Rev. Mr. Mulford, of the Diocese of Albany. This experiment at Melbourne seems to me to demonstrate one fact, that a rectory in these out of the way places assures a rector for a part of the year at least. At Titusville it is to be hoped that soon a building for God's worship will be in progress. I have consented to recommend the application of this mission to the American Church Building Association. At Orange City I found quite a flourishing congregation. They have agreed to pay one hundred dollars a year toward the support of occasional services, and have some money in hand toward the erection of a church. I have had numerous letters from Port Orange and New Smyrna, begging me to pay them a visit, and assuring me of their earnest desire for the services of the Church, but my time has been so much occupied I have found it an impossibility to grant their request.

I regret I cannot report, from personal observation, the exact condition of these places. I trust the Dean of the Convocation will be able to give you all the information you may desire. Many of the people have removed from San Mateo, and in consequence the church is somewhat weakened. The same may be said of Welaka. I think a missionary might be placed on St. Johns river, and supply Welaka, San Mateo and Federal Point. I have sought to arrange for the permanent location of a rector at Fort George Island. While the arrangements are not complete, they have advanced to a stage which makes the plan almost a certainty.

The mission work at Macclenny, under the Rev. Mr. Snowden, is most encouraging. If he can succeed in obtaining the needed support, I am satisfied his work will become an important actor in the Church's life in the northern part of the State. Mr. Snowden has undertaken a new work, a work which I hardly think has been tried before. He is seeking to give a churchly education to those who cannot afford to pay for an education in the higher branches. He and his co-laborers are striving to make enough to give them a bare support. If ever there was a work of love, his is. The ladies who are engaged in this undertaking are equally zealous and self-sacrificing, and live with but one thought, the spread of the Church into quarters hitherto unoccupied. The devotion and self-sacrifice of this band of faithful soldiers at Macclenny have my most earnest prayers for their success, and I sincerely hope their efforts will not go unheeded. I regret I have failed to find a missionary for Lake City, where so much true, earnest work has been done since Mr. Snowden's departure. He laid the foundation, and the devoted laity have built up the structure. I am in correspondence with several men and, I trust, ere long, I shall find a priest who will minister to the wants of these zealous people.

I have received an application from Quincy to organize the congregation into an Organized Mission, which, after consultation with the Chancellor of the Diocese, I have done. The question of the relation of these old parishes may well engage the attention of the Council. There ought to be some distinct law on the subject, declaring when a parish shall cease to exist, and what steps shall be taken when it does cease to exist, and under what circumstances a new organization can be formed. Chipley and DeFuniak need the care of a priest, and, with the advice of the Board of Missions, I have been seeking to find the right man to place at Marianna as his headquarters, with Quincy on his left and Chipley and De Funiak on his right. Dunedin and Clear Water Harbor have together subscribed three hundred dollars for the part payment of a missionary. During the summer the Rev. Mr. Weddell has consented to care for these places, and by the fall, I hope to have a priest at work at Clear Water Harbor, Dunedin and Tarpon Springs.

I regret to state I have not visited Manatee, Palma Sola, Sarasota, Pinellas, Fort Meyers, Bartow or Acton. Doubtless Mr. Weddell and Mr. Fitzhugh will give you some account of these places. The Rev. Mr. Gilbert Holt White, of London, England, has been laboring at Pinellas during the winter. He has been devoted to the Master's cause, and has been rewarded by evident blessings. Mr. Carpenter will give you an account


of the encouraging state of affairs at Fort Meade, and I will not take your time by recounting the incidents of my visit.

Kissimmee will soon have money enough to erect a church edifice. At Eustis I have appointed the Rev. Mr. Noyle, of Winchester, England, to the care of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Milnes has collected some money for a building at Lane Park, and I have endorsed his application for three hundred dollars.

The Rev. Mr. Beaubien will give an account of his work at Leesburg, Brooksville, Fruitland Park, Yalaha and Corley Island. I will simply say, in passing, Leesburg ought to be the centre of work in that part of the country, and a handsome edifice ought to be erected there, to give emphasis to this fact. From Leesburg, the surrounding district could be easily worked. The Rev. Mr. Tasker, of the Diocese of London, England, has accepted service in the English colony at Gardenia. The Rev. Mr. Bradin, of the Diocese of Newark, has taken charge of the church at DeLand. The people of Winter Park give me every assurance that the mortgage now resting on the handsome edifice will be satisfied when the notes secured by the mortgage fall due. A handsome lot has been presented to the Diocese at Seville. This place will be a prominent resort, if the present plans of the owners are carried out. It was no little gratification to learn that an earnest effort was being made to collect funds to erect a small building on the lot, till a more suitable structure was made possible.

It has been a great sorrow to me, that I have not succeeded in carrying out the plans of Bishop Young in reference to Cuba. His endeavors to plant the faith once delivered to the Saints in this forsaken country were wonderfully successful. Unfortunately, at his death the support of the Board of Missions ceased, and the missionaries were compelled to turn their attention to their own support. Thus the workers have been compelled to quit the field, which was ripe for the harvest. It is somewhat difficult to revive an undertaking which has been dropped, and I have met with many discouragements, but lately the aspect of affairs has been more encouraging. I have established the Hispano American Society to receive subscriptions, to furnish and distribute literature, and to do what may be required by a central society. This society has its headquarters in Jacksonville, and has been diligent in making inquiry concerning persons who claim to belong to the Church, and to be seeking orders. The society has not yet done much, simply because I have not had the time to give to this part of my duty. We have had this encouragement, some persons have expressed their in-



terest in our work in Cuba, and have given us a certain amount of substantial aid, and others are looking into the question of planting the Church in Cuba on a firm foundation. The plan which is now proposed, and which we desire to see carried out, is the establishment of a school either in Key West or elsewhere, for the training of young Cubans for the sacred ministry. It seems almost impossible at this time, unless there is a very great change in the civil administration in the island, to do much otherwise.

While speaking of missions, I wish to call your attention to General Missions. I hope, my dear brethren, you will not neglect to make collections for the General Board. While we are poor, and need every cent for ourselves, yet I do not think any diocese can prosper which allows a spirit of selfishness to creep over it, by considering its own wants alone. It is one of the laws of Christianity, if we wish to grow in grace, to grow strong, to fulfill the teachings of Christ, to win souls to Christ, we must help others, and not confine ourselves to our own set, our own parish, or our own diocese. No diocese ever prospered which did not show a true spirit of unselfishness in its dealings to those beyond its boundaries. I hope you, my brethren of the clergy and laity, will bear this in mind, and will contribute to the best of your ability to the general missions of the Church. The work before us is very great, and as has always been the case in the history of the Church, from the day the Holy Ghost descended in visible form to elevate the Apostles to the position of their Lord on earth, down to the present, the laborers are few and the means inadequate. This is not a reason for losing heart, but a *reason* for increased *energy, exertion* and *holiness*. It has pleased the Great Head of the Church to extend His Kingdom without *means* from the beginning, but without holiness there can be no spiritual life, no missionary zeal. If we shall do our duty, and keep our hearts pure before Him, our work will be like the leaven put into the meal.

I hope, my dear brethren, that you will make some arrangement for cancelling the debt of the Diocese to our late Diocesan. The Treasurer informs me it now amounts to five hundred and sixty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents. If I can aid you in paying this indebtedness, I would gladly render you such service as is within my power. I find it is a common impression among a number of the parishes and missions, that if the Diocesan assessment be paid at the meeting of the Council, the full requirement of the law is satisfied.

This idea it would be well to change by legislation. There ought to be some plan adopted whereby the assessment could be

paid in quarterly installments. As it is, great hardships are imposed upon the professors of the University of the South. They are often without means to buy their daily food. It is very gratifying to report that I have received eighteen hundred and seventy-five dollars, payment in full of my salary up to the eleventh day of May.

After consultation with the Treasurer of the Diocese, I have determined to present the question of increasing the number of Treasurers in the Diocese. The office of Treasurer has become somewhat burdensome, and as the Diocese increases it will become more so. I would suggest the appointment of a Treasurer for the University of the South, whose duty it shall be to collect the annual amount due for that institution, and to attend to the correspondence in connection with the collection and transmission of the amount. The Women's Auxiliary has done noble work, and has collected a larger sum for the support of missions this year than ever before. I have not pressed the cause of missions especially at my visitations, for the reason I felt the ladies were doing all that could be done this year, midst a most general depression all over the State. The missionaries of the Diocese must return their thanks to the ladies of the Diocese, who, by their capacity, determination and perseverance, have kept the Treasury well filled at a time when money has been scarce, and consequently difficult to collect. Woman has no hours of labor, she knows no fatigue, she is always ready to sacrifice self. Who knows the self-sacrifice which this money given to the Diocese represents? Let all honor be given to the noble women of the Diocese, who, by their self-sacrifice, energy and exertion, have cheered many hearts, made happy many homes, and lifted the burden of debt from those who have gone into the by-ways and hedges to win souls to Christ. I wish to call the attention of the Diocese to the American Church Building Association. This Association is seeking to increase its capital in order to extend its operations. Already has this Diocese profited by timely loans from this Association. I believe the Association is doing all that can be asked of it, and is trying to be of general benefit to the Church at large. I heartily commend the society to your liberality, and hope the clergy and laity will remember the association in their offerings. If they can give but little, I earnestly beg of them that they give that little, however little it may be. If it be impossible for a parish or a mission to give the whole of any one collection, I trust they will give part of it, at least.

I find in the journal of 1882 that a proposition was made to change the third article of the Constitution, in order to admit delegates from organized missions into this representative body. The

amendment was duly passed in that Council, but in some way it was not reported to the next Council, and therefore failed. I call the attention of the Council to this unfortunate circumstance, for, unless a change be made in the Article, no delegate from an organized mission can be legally seated in this Council. I will also call your attention to the fact, that the certificate of the lay deputies does not fully conform to the requirements of the Canon, inasmuch as it does not state that the deputy is a regular attendant upon public worship in the parish which he is appointed to represent. Section first of Canon XI was altered last year, so as to admit a congregation into union with this representative body, and give it the powers and rights of a parish, after having been the mission of a parish. This Canon not having received Episcopal approval is not law. Would it not be wise to have Section one of Canon XI so altered as to permit the organization of a congregation into the parish *at once*: under certain circumstances? This section of Canon XI has been violated so often, there would appear to be mistaken legislation in enacting it. I would also call your attention to Section 5 of Canon XI, which has been decided by the former Chancellor to mean a communicant must be a regular contributor. By this interpretation a communicant has no advantage over a baptized member, and the word communicant, therefore, becomes a *superfluity*. I would also call your attention to Section 6 of the same Canon. The Rector appointing one Warden, and the Vestry one, in case of a vacancy in the Rectorship, and the loss of the Rector's Warden by death, or resignation, there is no way of calling the Vestry together. Would it not be wise to give all necessary power to one Warden in such a case? When I first visited Key West, last summer, I found the city so far removed from the rest of the Diocese, I took the authority of organizing a new Convocation, and of appointing the Rev. J. B. Linn Dean of Key West and the adjacent islands. Will you be good enough to consider the situation at Key West, and to determine whether there be need of another Convocation, and if so, will you propose the necessary alteration to Section 1 Canon XX. I would also call your attention to the fact that Canon XXIV is in conflict with Section 3 of the Act of Incorporation. So also is Article IX of the Articles of Association. The permission which is given in Article X of the Articles of Association, "to amend, alter and abolish the Articles of Association, without the consent of the Diocese in Council assembled, seems to me most unfortunate. If so easily abolished, why *require assent to them*? I also present my report of moneys received and expended, excepting what has passed to

Colonel J. J. Daniel in behalf of the Rev. H. M. Joseph. I have not had the opportunity to examine the numerous publications, which purport to be true, containing the alterations made in the Prayer Book by the last General Convention.

As soon as I have a little leisure I will make a thorough examination of these publications. I will have the alterations published in a convenient form, with the imprint of the Diocese, and the sanction of the ecclesiastical authority thereon, and will distribute this publication to the clergy and members of the Church in the Diocese.

My official acts I have placed in an appendix. Most of them have been published in the *Church and Home*, and for this reason I have not offered to read them. I have confirmed in the Diocese 382 persons. Bishop Whipple has confirmed one, making a total of 383 persons confirmed during the year.

[APPENDIX.]

August 11, 1886. Received letters dismissory of the Rev. John B. Linn, from Northern Texas.

August 12, 1886. Met Board of Missions in Jacksonville.

August 14, 1886. Visited Maitland and Winter Park.

August 15, 1886. Preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Sanford.

August 18, 1886. Visited Key West.

August 21, 1886. Visited Kissimmee.

August 22, 1886. Preached at St. Marks, Palatka, in the morning; in the afternoon in St. Philips, and at night at St. Marks.

August 23, 1886. Visited Crescent City.

August 26, 1886. Preached in St. John's Church, Tallahassee, the same day gave consent to the transfer of the Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, D. D., Missionary Bishop, of Nevada, to the Assistant Bishopric of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

August 27, 1886. Baptized an infant in St. John's Church, Jacksonville.

August 28, 1886. Preached in the morning in St. John's Church, Jacksonville, in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, East Jacksonville, and in the evening at St. Philip's.

August 29, 1886. Organized the Hispano-American Society, Jacksonville.

August 30, 1886. Preached in the Presbyterian Church, Quincy.

- September 1, 1886. Visited Pensacola.
- September 5, 1886. Preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, Ga.
- September 8, 1886. Solemnized a marriage in Augusta, Ga.
- September 9, 1886. Solemnized a marriage in Augusta, Ga.
- September 12, 1886. Preached in the morning in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, and in the evening at Christ Church.
- September 15, 1886. Visited St. Mark's Church, Palatka, addressed a class and confirmed 3.
- September 19, 1886. Preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, and in Christ Church, Summerville, Ga.
- September 26, 1886. Preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd in the morning, and at Bay Vale Church at night.
- October 3, 1886. Preached at Church of the Good Shepherd, both morning and evening.
- October 6, 1886. Attended the General Convention in Chicago, which was in session until the 28th of the month.
- October 6, 1886. Received notice of the renunciation of the Holy Ministry by Rev. Caspar Maurice Wines, Priest of the Diocese of Albany, and his deposition from the same.
- October 31, 1886. Preached in St. Luke's Church, Darien, Conn.
- November 7, 1886. Preached in Christ Church, Stratford, Conn.
- November 14, 1886. Preached in St. Luke's Church, Darien, Conn.
- November 21, 1886. Preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, Ga., in the morning; in the Bay Vale Church in the evening.
- November 28, 1886. Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, Ga.: preached twice; baptized 3 adults, 9 children, and confirmed 12.
- December 5, 1886. St. Andrew's Church, Jacksonville, morning; preached and made an address, confirmed 14.
- That afternoon made an address in South Jacksonville, All Saints Mission; received notice the same day of the deposition of the Rev. Joseph H. Foy, Priest of the Diocese of Missouri. After renunciation. P. M., preached in St. John's, Jacksonville.
- December 7, 1886. Confirmed in private a person connected with St. Andrew's Church, East Jacksonville.
- December 12, 1886. Preached morning and evening at St. Luke's, Orlando.
- December 13, 1886. Met the Standing Committee and presented the Cuban question. Received notice of the deposition

of the Rev. George W. Bowne, Priest, of the Diocese of Easton; also received notice that Mr. Frederic W. Keech had ceased to be a candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Maryland.

December 17, 1886. Addressed the Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's, Key West.

December 18, 1886. Met the members of St. Peter's Mission, Key West.

December 19, 1886. Preached morning and evening at St. Paul's, Key West. Addressed the Sunday-school in the afternoon.

December 22, 1886. Preached at night at Fort Meade.

December 23, 1886. Preached, celebrated the Holy Communion and baptized one infant at Fort Meade.

December 24, 1886. At Sanford, confirmed 1.

December 25, 1886. Preached, administered Holy Communion at Holy Cross Church, Sanford.

December 26, 1886. Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Tampa, at morning service. Celebrated Holy Communion and confirmed 6. In the afternoon preached in St. Andrew's.

December 27, 1886. Clear Water Harbor. Preached and confirmed 1.

December 28, 1886. Clear Water Harbor. Administered Holy Communion, preached, and baptized an infant.

December 28, 1886. Preached in the evening in Dunedin.

December 29, 1886. Dunedin. Administered the Holy Communion and confirmed 3; in private 1.

December 29, 1886. Preached at Tarpon Springs.

December 31, 1886. Visited Fruitland Park.

January 1, 1887. Received notice of the deposition of Robert T. B. Winskell, Deacon, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, at his own request.

January 2, 1887. DeLand. Preached morning and evening in St. Barnabas Mission.

January 9, 1887. Tallahassee. Confirmed 2 in private; preached in St. John's Church in the morning and evening; confirmed 2 at the latter service.

January 12, 1887. Monticello. Consecrated Christ Church. P. M. preached and confirmed seven.

January 13, 1887. Preached in Christ Church, Monticello.

January 16, 1887. Preached in St. Peter's Church, Fernandina. P. M. St. John's, Jacksonville.

January 19 and 20, 1887. Attended the first meeting of the Colored Commission in Washington.

January 23, 1887. Preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, Ga., both morning and evening

January 30, 1887. Apalachicola. Preached both morning and evening and confirmed 8.

February 2, 1887. St. Luke's, Marianna. Preached both morning and evening and confirmed 5.

February 6, 1887. Pensacola. Preached in Christ Church in the morning; in the afternoon in St. Cyprian's Colored Mission, and in the evening at Christ Church, and confirmed 21.

February 7, 1887. Preached at the Navy Yard and confirmed 6.

February 8, 1887. Preached at Bluff Springs and confirmed 3.

February 10, 1887. Milton. Preached in St. Mary's Church both morning and evening and confirmed 6.

February 13, 1887. Gainesville. Preached in Holy Trinity Church both morning and evening and confirmed 58.

February 20, 1887. Jacksonville. Preached in the morning at Church of the Good Shepherd and confirmed 2; in the afternoon in St. Stephen's, preached and confirmed 4; in the evening in St. John's Church, preached and confirmed 28.

February 23, 1887. Received letters dismissory of Rev. C. M. Sturges from the Diocese of Ohio.

February 24, 1887. Hibernia. Preached in St. Margaret's Church and confirmed 1.

February 25, 1887. Green Cove Spring. Preached in St. Mary's Church and confirmed 4.

February 27, 1887. Preached twice in the Church of Our Saviour, Mandarin.

February 28, 1887. Federal Point. Preached in St. Paul's Church and confirmed 1.

March 1, 1887. Received notice of the deposition of the Rev. R. R. Robinson, Priest, in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. After renunciation.

March 6, 1887. Crescent City. Preached in the Church of the Holy Comforter in the morning; P. M., preached at Huntington.

March 7, 1887. Visited San Mateo.

March 8, 1887. Preached in Welaka; received notice of the deposition of the Rev. James G. Armstrong, Priest, in the Diocese of Georgia. After renunciation.

March 9, 1887. Visited Fort George Island.

March 13, 1887. Cedar Key, Christ Church. Preached and confirmed 2.

March 15, 1887. Tallahassee. Bishop Quintard preached,

and I ordained the Rev. N. B. Harris to the priesthood, in St. John's Church. In the evening I preached and confirmed 4.

March 16, 1887. Lake City; St. James' Church. Preached **and** confirmed 9.

March 17, 1887. Madison; St. Mary's Church. Preached **and** confirmed 4.

March 18, 1887. Madison. Preached and assisted the Rev. Mr. Harris in celebrating his first communion.

March 20, 1887. Macclenny. Preached twice and confirmed 8.

March 22, 1887. Cedar Creek. Preached and confirmed 3.

March 24, 1887. Orange Park. Preached in Grace Church **and** confirmed 7; in private, 2.

March 25, 1887. Crescent City; Church of the Holy Comforter. Preached and confirmed 9.

March 27, 1887. Melrose. Preached and confirmed 2.

March 28, 1887. Waldo. Addressed a class and confirmed 8.

March 28, 1887. Fairbanks. Preached in All Saints Church, addressed a class and confirmed 5.

March 29, 1887. Hawthorne. Preached and confirmed 3.

March 31, 1887. Met the Board of Missions in Jacksonville.

April 1, 1887. Monticello; in the afternoon confirmed 1 in private. In the evening preached and confirmed 16.

April 3, 1887. Leesburg; St. James' Church, preached **both** morning and evening and confirmed 6.

April 5, 1887. Brooksville. Preached. Received notice of the deposition of the Rev. Christopher T. Denroache, Priest, of the Missionary District of Northern Texas. After renunciation.

April 6, 1887. Gave consent to the consecration of the Assistant Bishop of Kansas.

April 7, 1887. St. Augustine, Trinity Church. Preached **and** confirmed 7.

April 8, 1887. Palatka; preached in St. Mark's Church in the morning, and preached at Daytona, in St. Mark's Church in the evening.

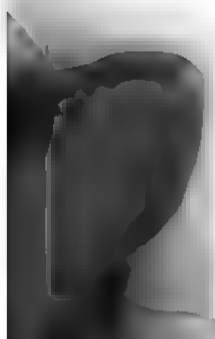
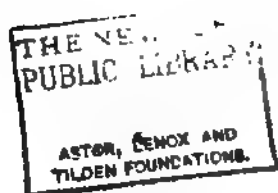
April 10, 1887. Ocala; St. Mary's Church. Preached twice, addressed Sunday-school and confirmed 27.

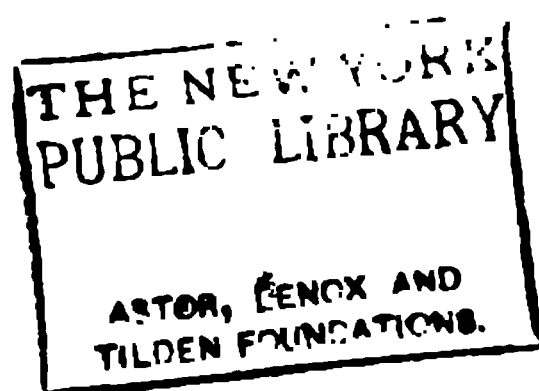
April 12, 1887. Zellwood, St. James Church. Preached.

April 13, 1887. Eustis; St. Thomas' Church. Preached.

April 15, 1887. Fernandina; St. Peter's Church. Preached **and** confirmed 13.

April 17, 1887. Sanford; Holy Cross Church. Preached





in the morning and confirmed 6. Afternoon preached at City; evening, preached at Enterprise and confirmed 1.

April 18, 1887. Longwood; addressed the congregation and confirmed 1.

April 19, 1887. Titusville. Preached in the Court and confirmed 3.

April 20, 1887. Visited Cocoa.

April 21, 1887. Melbourne. Preached and confirmed. Received notice of the deposition, after renunciation, of the William E. Walker, Priest in the Diocese of Wisconsin.

April 22, 1887. Palatka. St. Mark's Church. Preached and confirmed 13.

April 23, 1887. Visited Seville.

April 24, 1887. Sanford, Church of the Holy Preached and ordained Mr. W. H. Bates, Deacon. In the afternoon preached in St. Mary's Church, Winter Park.

April, 29, 1887. East Jacksonville; St. Andrew's Church. Preached, addressed a class and confirmed 9. Received notice of the deposition from the Sacred Ministry of Rev. Thompson Wirgman, of the Diocese of West Virginia, at his request and for causes not affecting his moral character.

May 1, 1887. Jacksonville; Church of the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn. Preached and confirmed 8. In the afternoon at St. Stephen's Church, LaVilla. Preached and confirmed. Preached at night in St. John's.

May 2, 1887. Gave the Rev. C. D. Mack letters of disavowal to the Bishop of Springfield.

May 3, 1887. Preached in the evening in Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville.

May 4, 1887. Confirmed four in Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville.

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11. When a motion is under consideration no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

12. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

13. Every member who shall be present when the question is put shall vote, unless excused by the Council.

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15. The foregoing rules shall be read by the Secretary at the opening of every Council, immediately after prayer.

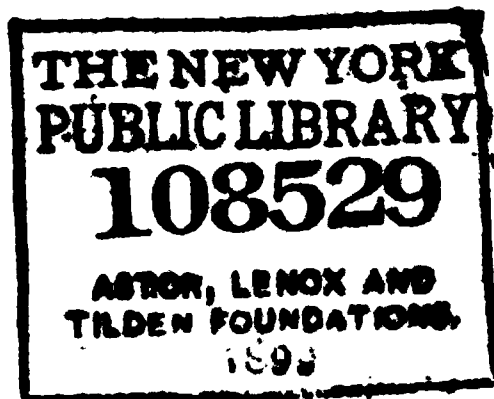
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 2, 1888.

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Forty-fifth Annual Council of the Diocese of Florida, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled with the Bishop in St. John's Church at 10:30 o'clock a. m., when the Morning Prayer, Litany, and Ante-Communion offices were said by the Rev. Messrs. J. B. Linn, W. L. Githens, E. M. W. Hills, J. H. Weddell, C. M. Sturges, and B. F. Brown. A sermon was preached by the Bishop, after which the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Williams, Willson and Weller.

On the close of the services the Bishop called the Council to order in the Sunday-school room, where the business sessions of the Council were to be held.

The Secretary read the following:

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ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE COUNCIL, FURNISHED BY THE BISHOP:

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Of these, the following answered to their names :

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 The Rev. F. TOWERS.
 The Rev. W. S. S. ATMORE.

The Secretary announced that thirty Clergymen entitled to seats were present.

The Bishop appointed as a Committee on Credentials of the Lay-Deputies the Rev. Messrs. Williams and B. G. White, who reported the following as entitled to seats :

St. Matthew's Mission, San Mateo—W. R. DeWitt, M. D.

St. Mary's, Madison—A. J. Dozier, E. N. Pillot, J. F. Bythewood, M. D., H. G. Parramore, M. D.

St. John's Mission, Brooksville—J. F. Tucker.

St. John's, Tallahassee—G. M. Betton, M. D., R. Walker, J. B. Whitfield, J. N. Dorr.

Trinity, St. Augustine—J. E. Farrew, Geo. Burt, F. H. Greatorex, W. E. Eichbaum.

St. Stephen's Mission, Jacksonville—Crosby Dawkins.

Our Saviour, Mandarin—H. F. Nicholl, A. B. Warde.

Grace Mission, Orange Park—J. T. Copeland.

Grace, Ocala—P. G. Snowden, M. D., W. L. Williams, J. G. Reardon, J. E. Drayton.

St. Mark's, Palatka—W. P. Wilkinson, G. E. Hawes, M. D., M. Haughton, W. H. Parker.

St. Peter's, Fernandina—G. R. Fairbanks, H. E. Dotterer, R. S. Schuyler, S. A. Swann.

St. Paul's Mission, Federal Point—W. A. Evans.

St. Mary's, Daytona—J. M. Jones, M. D., W. S. Herdman, M. Huston, W. W. Carter.

St. Luke's, Orlando—T. J. Shine, W. Kilmer, L. C. Massey, W. H. Greatham.

St. James', Lake City—C. R. King, E. W. Davis, M. D.

Christ's, Cedar Key—Horatio Davis, R. M. Dozier, J. J. Crosswell, J. B. Lutterloh.

St. John's, Jacksonville—A. S. Baldwin, M. D., D. G. Ambler, C. B. Benedict, J. J. Daniel.

Good Shepherd Mission, Jacksonville—George Tresback.

St. Mary's Mission, Green Cove—J. H. Yerkes.

St. Paul's, Key West—W. D. Cash, Horatio Crain, J. Y. Porter, M. D.

Christ's, Monticello—D. A. Finlayson, T. L. Clarke, W. M. Girardeau, J. H. Tucker.

St. Mary's, Milton—W. E. Anderson, J. E. Creary, W. E. McDougall, W. A. Maxwell.

Holy Trinity, Gainesville—Philip Miller, B. F. Jordan, W. W. Hampton, J. M. Coleman.

St. Philip's Mission, Palatka—T. L. McCoy.

St. Bartholomew's Mission, Pinellas—Herbert Beck.

St. Philip's Mission, Jacksonville—W. M. Artrell.

Ascension Mission, Clear Water Harbor—W. Larkins.

St. James' Mission, Leesburg—R. H. Pegues.

Holy Cross Mission, Margareta—T. W. Lakin.

St. Andrew's, Jacksonville—W. A. Young, J. N. C. Stockton, G. A. DeCottes, F. S. Knight.

Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City—H. Hutchinson.

St. Mary's Mission, Cedar Creek—Arthur Hardekar.

St. James' Mission, Macclenny—G. E. Abbott.

St. James' Mission, Zellwood—H. P. Burgwin.

Christ's Mission, Fort Meade—W. L. Weems, M. D.

St. Edward's Mission, Lane Park—Rowland Frith.

Christ's, Pensacola—J. E. Avery, W. K. Hyer, Peter Knowles, J. M. Tarble.

Of these the following answered to their names;

- St. Mary's, Madison*—A. J. Dozier.
St. John's, Tallahassee—J. B. Whitfield.
Trinity, St. Augustine—J. E. Farrew.
St. Stephen's, Jacksonville—C. Dawkins.
Our Saviour, Mandarin—H. F. Nicholl, A. B. Warde.
Grace, Orange Park—J. T. Copeland.
Grace, Ocala—P. G. Snowden, M. D.
St. Mark's, Palatka—W. B. Wilkinson.
St. Peter's, Fernandina—G. R. Fairbanks, R. S. Schuyler.
St. Mary's, Daytona—J. M. Jones, M. D.
St. James', Lake City—C. R. King.
St. John's, Jacksonville—A. S. Baldwin, M. D., C. B. Benedict,
 J. J. Daniel.
Good Shepherd, Jacksonville—George Tresback.
Christ's, Monticello—D. A. Finlayson.
St. Mary's, Milton—W. E. Anderson.
Holy Trinity, Gainesville—W. W. Hampton.
St. Bartholomew, Pinellas—H. Beck.
Ascension, Clear Water Harbor—W. Larkin.
St. James, Leesburg—R. H. Pegues.
Holy Cross, Margaretta—W. Lakin.
St. Andrew's, Jacksonville—G. A. DeCottes, F. S. Knight.
St. James', Macclenny—G. E. Abbott.
St. Edward's, Lane Park—R. Frith.
Christ's, Pensacola—J. C. Avery.

The Secretary announced that there were fourteen parishes and ten missions represented, whereupon the Bishop announced a quorum present, and the Council ready for business, and called for the election of a Secretary.

When on motion it was resolved that the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot of the Council for the Rev. R. H. Weller as Secretary; which was done.

The Secretary appointed the Rev. J. R. Bicknell his assistant.

The Bishop appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Rev. J. H. Weddell,	The Rev. C. M. Sturges,
The Rev. N. B. Harris,	J. M. Jones.
The Rev. E. L. Turquand,	

ON CANONS.

The Rev. J. B. Linn,	W. W. Hampton,
The Rev. C. B. Wilmer,	D. A. Finlayson,
The Rev. S. B. Carpenter,	G. R. Fairbanks,
The Rev. F. Towers,	J. C. Avery.

ON FINANCE.

J. J. Daniel,	J. N. C. Stockton,
D. G. Ambler,	The Rev. C. S. Williams,
C. B. Benedict,	The Rev. A. W. Knight.
W. E. Anderson,	

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Rev. B. G. White,	The Rev. F. R. Holeman.
The Rev. J. W. Lee,	

ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Rev. W. H. Carter,	The Rev. J. B. C. Beaubien.
The Rev. C. S. Snowden,	

ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

The Rev R. T. Roche,	The Rev. W. H. Milnes,
The Rev. W. Willson,	A. J. Dozier.

When, on motion, the Council took a recess until 4 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Council met after recess, when the Bishop read his Annual Address. (See Appendix A.)

The Address being ended, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the work among the colored people, be referred to a Committee to report on the best methods of its prosecution, to this, or the next ensuing Council.

The Bishop appointed as such Committee, the Rev. Messrs. Williams, Beakman, White, and Holeman, and Messrs. Daniel and McCoy.

It was **Resolved**, That so much of the Bishop's Address as has not been otherwise referred, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Messrs. W. A. Young and J. N. C. Stockton, of St. Andrew's, Jacksonville, and F. L. McCoy, of St. Philip's, Palatka, appeared and took their seats.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons respectfully report:

That inasmuch as action was had at the last Council, upon certain amendments to Articles II, III, IV, and V, of the Constitution, approving of the same, your Committee recommend that such amendments be now severally approved, as embodied in Articles II, III, IV, and V, hereunto appended:

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a Council of the Church in this Diocese held annually on the first Wednesday in May, at such place as may be fixed by the preceding Council. There shall be required the presence of ten Clergymen and Lay representatives from six parishes for the transaction of any business, but a less number may adjourn from day to day. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese may change the time or place, or both, of the meetings of the Council in case of the prevalence of an epidemic or for other sufficient cause, and may call a special Council whenever necessary.

ARTICLE III.

The Council shall be composed of such Clergymen as are canonically settled in any parish of the Diocese, also of Missionaries cooperating under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese; also of Clergymen employed as instructors in any Seminary learning in the Diocese; also of Chaplains in the army and navy of the United States; provided that such Chaplains and Instructors shall have been actually and canonically resident in this Diocese at least six months previous to the meeting of the Council; also of lay deputies

not exceeding four from each parish, chosen by the vestry or congregation thereof, and one lay deputy from each organized mission elected by the officers thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Council shall be opened with celebration of the Holy Communion, and a sermon delivered by a preacher appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority. In the absence of the Bishop, the Council shall elect a President. The Council shall elect annually a Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar, and such other officers as may be necessary, who shall continue in office until their successors are duly appointed. It shall also, from time to time, enact Canons for the government of the Diocese, and adopt Rules of Order for its own direction, which, when once settled by the Council shall be Standing Rules, and continue in force until specially repealed.

ARTICLE V.

Each member, clerical and lay, of the Council, shall be entitled to one vote, unless the deputation of one Parish, or some one Clerical member shall call for a vote by Orders, in which case the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately, each Clergyman and the deputation from each Parish being severally entitled to one vote, and the deputation from each organized Mission being severally entitled to one-fourth of a vote, and the concurrence of a majority of both Orders shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

The Committee further report that they recommend the following alterations and amendments to the Constitution, viz:

In Article III insert the word "and" after the word chaplain, in seventh line. Also, at the end of Article III, add "and each Mission supporting a minister, and otherwise bearing the expenses of the Mission and having thirty or more communicants, shall have the same representation as an organized parish."

That Article V be stricken out and the following inserted as Article V:

ARTICLE V.

Each member, Clerical and Lay, of the Council, shall be entitled to one vote, unless a vote by Orders shall be called for by one clerical member, or by the deputation from one Parish or Mission entitled to same representation as a Parish. If a vote by Orders shall be called for, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately, and each Clergyman and the deputation from each Parish and from each Mission entitled to same representation as a Parish, shall be severally entitled to one vote, the deputy from each Mission not having same representation as a parish being entitled to one-fourth of a vote, and a concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

That Article VII be stricken out, and insert as Article VII the following:

ARTICLE VII.

There shall be a Standing Committee consisting of three Clerical and three lay members, to be appointed at each annual meeting of the Council, on the nomination of the Bishop, if there be one, whose duty shall be prescribed by Canon. They shall organize as soon as possible and elect from their own body a president, who shall be a priest, and a secretary. They may meet on their own adjournment from time to time and the president shall have power to summon special meetings whenever he shall deem it necessary. The Standing Committee shall be a council of advice to the Bishop, they shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop whenever he shall wish for their advice, and they may meet of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop. Where there is no Bishop, they shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes. Vacancies in the Committee caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members on the nomination of the Bishop.

That Article VIII be stricken out and the following inserted as Article VIII:

"Every Canon to become a law, shall receive the approval of the Bishop. If the same be disapproved by the Bishop, it shall require the concurrence of four-fifths of each order, voting by orders, to become a law."

That the following be inserted as

ARTICLE IX.

A proposition for altering or amending the Constitution shall be introduced in writing, and considered in Council. If approved by a majority of the Council, it shall lie over until the next Council, when, upon consideration again, if it be approved by two-thirds of each order, voting separately, and by the Bishop, the change shall take place. If the Bishop disapprove of such change, it shall require the vote of four-fifths of the Council, voting by orders, to effect each alteration.

That Article II be amended by inserting after the words "six parishes" the words, "or missions entitled to the same representation as an organized Parish."

On motion the report of the Committee was received, and it was

Resolved, That all the amendments to the Constitution, proposed by the Committee, do now pass their first reading and consideration, which was done.

Resolved, That the amendment to Article II, as read and considered

in the last Council, be now adopted. Carried—Clergy, ayes 24, nays 0; Lay, ayes 30, nays 0.

Resolved, That Article III, as read and considered in the last Council, be now adopted. Carried—Clergy, ayes 21, nays 0; Lay, ayes 28, nays 0.

Resolved, That the amendment to Article IV, as read and considered at the last Council, be now adopted. Carried—Clergy, ayes 20, nays 0; Lay, ayes 29, nays 0.

Resolved, That the amendments to Article V, as read and considered at the last Council, be now adopted. Carried—Clergy, ayes 22, nays 0; Lay, ayes 27, nays 0.

It was *Resolved*, That all Clergymen present from other Dioceses, and Clergy residing in this Diocese, not entitled to seats, and all candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to seats in the Council.

In response to this invitation the Rev. B. F. Brown, of Zellwood, was seated.

Resolved, That the Council assemble for business at 9 o'clock a. m. each day, take a recess from 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock p. m., and a recess from 6 o'clock to 7:30 o'clock p. m.

When the Council adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

At 7:30 o'clock p. m. a missionary meeting was held in St. John's Church, at which the Report of the Diocesan Board of Missions was read; after which interesting and hearty addresses upon the missionary work of the Diocese were made by the Bishop, and the Rev. Messrs. Carpenter, Linn, Williams and Noyle. The offertory was for missions.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, May 3, 9 a. m.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

After calling of the roll, the minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, corrected and approved.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the names of the Clergy officiating at the opening services of the Council, and at the Missionary meeting last evening, be entered in the minutes of the day.

Resolved, That a Committee to be known as the Committee on Missions, be one of the Standing Committees of the Council.

The Bishop completed the list of Standing Committees as follows:

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The Rev. N. B. Harris.
J. M. Jones.
H. E. Dotterer.

The Rev. E. L. Turquand.
The Rev. C. M. Sturges.
E. E. Voyle.
E. K. Foster.

ON CANONS.

The Rev. J. B. Linn.
The Rev. S. B. Carpenter.
G. R. Fairbanks.
W. W. Hampton.

The Rev. C. B. Wilmer.
The Rev. F. Towers.
J. C. Avery.
D. A. Finlayson.

ON FINANCE.

J. J. Daniel.
C. B. Benedict.
W. E. Anderson.
S. A. Swann.
The Rev. C. S. Williams.

D. G. Ambler.
J. N. C. Stockton.
T. J. Shine.
The Rev. A. W. Knight.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Rev. B. G. White.	The Rev. J. W. Lee.
The Rev. F. R. Holeman.	W. R. DeWitt.
C. Dawkins.	H. F. Nicholl.

ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Rev. W. H. Carter.	The Rev. C. S. Snowden.
The Rev. J. B. C. Beaubien.	G. E. Abbott.
R. H. Pegues.	W. Lakin.

ON ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

The Rev. R. T. Roche.	The Rev. Wm. Willson.
The Rev. W. H. Milnes.	R. S. Schuyler.
G. A. DeCottes.	A. J. Dozier.

ON BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Rev. C. S. Williams.	The Rev. J. S. Beakman.
The Rev. B. G. White.	The Rev. F. R. Holeman.
J. J. Daniel.	T. L. McCoy.

ON MISSIONS.

The Rev. J. J. Scott.	The Rev. F. B. Dunham.
The Rev. C. A. Apple.	W. M. Artrell.
F. S. Knight.	M. Haughton.

It was *Resolved*, That the reading of the Parochial Reports be suspended until after the report of the Committee on Revision of the Canons is considered.

On application of the Committee on the State of the Church, two of its members were excused from further attendance this morning.

The Committee on Revision of the Canons presented their Report, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report on the Revision of the Canons.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee rose, and, through its Chairman, reported progress.

The Board of Missions presented the following Report, which, on motion, was received, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

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ON FINANCE.

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S. A. Swann.
The Rev. C. S. Williams.

D. G. Ambler.
J. N. C. Stockton.
T. J. Shine.
The Rev. A. W. Knight.

The Board have sought to encourage these faithful workers in every way within their power. The stipends from our own Diocesan Fund, and from the Fund provided by the Domestic Committee, have been regularly paid. Only once has there been any deficiency, and then the Missionaries were not allowed to suffer for lack of payment of the regular stipends. The appropriations were made, even when they exceeded the amount on hand by several hundred dollars. The faith of the Board was not misplaced, for it was only a matter of a few weeks before the Treasurer stated that the amount was fully made up. Thus are we encouraged, and made to feel that the hand of God is with us.

Many material signs of progress have marked the year. New churches have been built in ten Mission fields, viz: Clear Water Harbor, Thonotosassa, Tallahassee, Cocoa, Melborne, I'ablo Beach, Fruit Cove, Lane Park, Huntington, and South Jacksonville. New Missions have been regularly organized in Pinellas, Fort Meade, Clear Water Harbor, Port Orange, Ormond, Carrabelle, and Courtney. The Bishop has pushed his way into new settlements, where the Church services have never before been heard, and in all of these places he has been gladly received. There seems to be no limit to the possibility of what may be done, and the outlook, with the vast amount of work required in it, calls for staunch and brave hearts.

But while we return thanks for our earnest Bishop, and faithful Missionaries, we must not forget the women of the Diocese. They have by their earnest and faithful labors made it possible to do what has been done. The Woman's Auxiliary Society has become the hope of the Diocese for the future. Without the aid which they have continually given, the Missionaries would have been compelled to abandon their posts. Without the aid which they will give in the future, we could not hope to push the work which lies before us. This organization has contributed more than one-half the money which has gone into the Missionary field. Its work is most earnestly commended to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese; and the prayer is, that they may seek in every way to hold up the hands of these devoted and self-sacrificing women. The funds contributed by this organization during the year amount to \$2,130.96. Add to this the balance, \$927.46, carried from last year, and we have a grand total of \$3,058.42, as coming from the Woman's Auxiliary Society.

Looking to the future the Board feels that there is much cause for encouragement. The great work of the past twelve months has been accomplished in a year when the people of our State have been passing through a period of depression, and yet it marks what may be termed the greatest year in our diocesan existence. All over the State there are signs of renewed activity, and a new feeling of hope and encouragement has sprung up in the hearts of our people. The Church must avail herself of this feeling, and this encouragement. She must not lag behind our people in their material prosperity. She must put more Missionaries in the field; she must open up new places; she must hold those she has. To do this, those places which have

enjoyed her services in the past must extend a helping hand. Our contributions to the Missionary Fund must be regular, and they must be increased. The Board commend this matter of increasing the missionary funds to the attention of the Diocese at large. They would also make some further recommendations.

In a previous report the attention of the Diocese has been called to the work, which lies at our doors, among the colored people. This numerous people form a portion of our population. They are citizens of the commonwealth. They are our neighbors and our associates in the material advancement of the State. The Church owes them a duty, and an obligation which she must fulfill. The Church at large has taken up this question, and is seeking to push the work through the instrumentality of a commission of fifteen, consisting of five Bishops, five Priests, and five Laymen. Of this number our Diocese has been awarded the distinction of having two—the Bishop of the Diocese and the President of the Board of Missions. Having been marked with this distinction by the Church at large, we should by our works prove ourselves worthy. There are now eight congregations of colored worshippers in the Diocese, viz: At Pensacola, Tallahassee, Fernandina, Fulton, Palatka, Key West, and two in Jacksonville. In some other places work is done among them and they worship with the whites. There are parochial schools for them at Pensacola, Palatka and Fulton. From the report of the last meeting of the Colored Commission, it will be seen that our Bishop laid before the Commission a plan for founding for these people an industrial school of high grade, in this Diocese. The whole Diocese should rally to the support of the movement, and thus remove any possibility of its ever being said that we neglected so great a duty.

And, akin to this work among the colored people, is another work which lies at our very doors. A remnant of the once powerful tribe of Seminole Indians still inhabits the unsettled portions of the Southern part of our Diocese. Neglected alike by Church and by State, they never feel the softening influences of civilization. We would commend this matter to your careful consideration, and would suggest that the Legislature of the State be memorialized to do something in the way of providing education for them.

The Board would also call your attention to the great number of Cubans who are flocking to our State. The tobacco industry is calling for the character of labor which is congenial to them, and they find ready employment. Some provision should be made for giving religious instruction to these people, and perhaps in this way may be solved the question of work in the island of Cuba.

The Board is pleased to be able to report that the work in the older settled portions of the State is beginning once more to revive, and the future for the Church in these sections seems bright indeed, and one new Mission has been organized: that at Carrabelle, in Franklin county, a lot has been donated and steps are being taken towards erecting a church.

While the funds at the disposal of the Board have been great

than that of any previous years, still they have not been sufficient to do all that seemed absolutely necessary to be done. One Mission field in which there stand three churches built in faith, has been almost entirely abandoned. The people have not been able to bear part of the support of a Missionary, and the Board has not been able to undertake his entire support. The prayer is that these churches may not long remain closed.

Again we would remind you that our Bishop needs more assistance in his Missionary work. The Canons provide that he be allowed Archdeacons, who shall work under his direction, but no funds have been provided to support them. It is true that he now has two at work, but they are hampered by having to devote their time in keeping open special fields. Were funds provided to support them, they would not thus be compelled to confine themselves.

In this report the Board has sought to give a general summing up of the work for the past year, and the outlook for the future. To go further into details would be to prolong the report to an inordinate length.

The Board has had — meetings during the year, and only once has there been a failure to secure a quorum.

A financial statement is appended.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$ 927.46
From W. A. Society	2,489.46
Domestic Committee	2,300.00
Other sources	779.91
Total contributions	\$6,496.73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Stipends	\$5,538.96
Mrs. Burton, Treasurer W. A. S	6.00
Total	\$5,544.96
Balance on hand	951.77

The Trustees of the University of the South presented their report which was read and referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Of the South respectfully report: That the University continues to prosper and that the attendance of students is continually increasing. Our assessment for the support of the Theological Department has been paid in full, and we would call your attention to the fact that it

is necessary to provide for its payment for the ensuing year. An effort is now being made by the Alumni, under the auspices of the Board of Trustees to secure an endowment for the institution. The success they have met with thus far has been very encouraging, and the hope is that it will be only a matter of a short time before the University will be entirely self-supporting.

We are pleased to inform you that the attendance of students from Florida during the year past has been large, there being something over thirty, and the progress made by these students should be a strong recommendation for your patronage.

A. W. KNIGHT,
G. R. FAIRBANKS,
L. I. FLEMING,
Trustees.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Secretary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, which, on motion, was referred to the Bishop.

The Secretary presented, from the Secretary of the House of Deputies, the Notification of the proposed alterations and additions to the Book of Common Prayer.

On motion it was referred to a Special Committee of three clergymen and three laymen to report at the next annual Council. The Bishop appointed as this committee, Rev. Messrs. Weller, Carter and Ward, and Messrs. Dotterer, Hawes and Finlayson.

The Secretary presented the annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, which was received, and ordered to be read at the evening session, and then to be referred to the Committee on Missions.

It was *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to procure a suitable book for the records of the proceedings of this body.

It was *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to employ one or more competent enrolling clerks, and that he have the minutes of this Council carefully transcribed so as to present the same for the signature of the Presiding Officer at the final adjournment of the Council, or as soon thereafter as possible.

It was further *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to make an assessment for the Theological Department of the University of the South. The Bishop appointed the Rev. A. W. Knight and Messrs. G. R. Fairbanks, and D. A. Finlayson, as such Committee.

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to Article II of the Constitution, do now pass its second reading and consideration. *Passed.*

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to Article III, do now pass its second reading and consideration. *Passed.*

Resolved, That the proposed substitute for Article V, do now pass its second reading and consideration. Passed.

Resolved, That the proposed substitute for Article VII, do now pass its second reading and consideration. Passed.

When the Council took a recess till 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Council met after recess, and was called to order by the Bishop. The Secretary presented the following telegram from the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi, now in session:

JACKSON, MISS., May 3, 1888.

The Rev. R. H. Weller, D. D., Secretary Diocese of Florida:

The Council of the Diocese of Mississippi sends fraternal greetings to the Council of the Church in Florida.

[Signed]

GEO. C. HARRIS, Secretary.

On motion the Secretary was directed to send a suitable response to the greetings from Mississippi.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Report, which was received, and referred to the Finance Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT: I would respectfully submit the following financial report of the Diocese of Florida for the year ending May 2, 1888:

RECEIPTS.

Received on account of Diocesan Fund—

To balance carried over.....	\$ 421 90
To assessments.....	4,188 10

Total	\$ 4,610 00
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Received on account of Diocesan Missions—

To balance carried over.....	927 46
To Woman's Auxiliary Society.....	2,489 36
To contributions from Parishes and Missions.....	643 95

Total.....	4,060 77
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Received on account of Diocesan Endowment Fund—

To balance carried over.....	1,428 18
To sale of bonds.....	624 00

The Finance Committee, who were empowered by the Council of 1887 to adjust all arrearages due on assessments from Parishes and Missions, after corresponding with the different Vestries, unanimously resolved to remit all unpaid assessments made prior to the Council of 1887. The assessments of that year have been paid more promptly than ever before. The Diocese is now entirely free from debt. Our Bishop's salary has been paid in full to date. Not a claim that the Treasurer is aware of remains unpaid.

The following Parishes and Missions have paid the assessments made by the Council of 1887 in full:

Trinity, Apalachicola.	Thonotosassa Mission.
St. John's, Jacksonville.	St. Margaret's, Hibernia.
St. Matthew's, San Mateo.	St. Paul's, Key West.
Grace Mission, Orange Park.	St. Peter's, Fernandina.
Trinity, St. Augustine.	St. Andrew's, Tampa.
Christ Parish, Pensacola.	St. Luke's, Marianna.
St. George's, Fort George.	Christ, Longwood.
All Saints, Enterprise.	St. Mary's, Daytona.
St. Andrew's, East Jacksonville.	Christ, Monticello.
Winter Park Mission.	St. Mary's, Madison.
Good Shepherd, Brooklyn.	Glen St. Mary's Mission.
St. Mark's, Palatka.	Holy Cross, Margaretta.
Christ Parish, Cedar Key.	Maccleenny Mission.
St. Paul's, Federal Point.	St. James, Lake City.
St. Mary's, Milton.	St. John's, Tallahassee.
Our Saviour, Mandarin.	Holy Trinity, Gainesville.
St. Barnabas, DeLand.	Grace, Ocala.
St. Paul's, Waldo.	Holy Cross, Sanford.
St. James, Zellwood.	St. James, Leesburg.
St. Luke's, Orlando.	

The following are delinquent in full or in part:

St. Thomas, Eustis.	\$15 00
Holy Comforter, Crescent City.	40 00
St. Mary's, Cedar Creek.	1 00
St. Mary's, Green Cove.	25 00
All Saints, Fairbanks.	5 00
Our Saviour, Fulton.	70 18
Melrose Mission.	5 00
St. Philip's, Jacksonville.	13 32
Emanuel, Welaka.	10 00
St. Joseph, Bartow.	10 00
Kissimmee Mission.	10 00
Rock Ledge Mission.	10 00
Lloyds Mission.	6 50
St. Stephen's, LaVilla.	15 00
Good Shepherd, Mantland.	30 00

In addition I would report received on account of Diocesan Mis-

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid out on account of Diocesan Fund—

By Rt. Rev. E. G. Weed	\$2,500 00
By executors of the estate of the late Bishop Young	912 75
By Journal of Council and other printing	125 00
By Rev. R. H. Weller, Secretary of the Diocese	60 00
By postage and stationery	25 00
By W. W. Astor, Treasurer of the General Convention	36 00
By Rev. F. B. Dunham	11 80
By Rev. J. H. Weddell	5 40
By Sexton Holy Trinity, Gainesville	5 00

Total. 3,680 95

Paid out on account of Diocesan Missions—

By Mrs. M. R. Hurton	6 00
By stipends to missionaries	3,103 00

Total 3,109 00

Paid out on account of Diocesan Endowment Fund—

By executors of the estate of the late Bishop Young	1,964 00
By A. S. Russell	75 00
By express charges on bonds	7 00
By E. B. McBride	4 00

Total. 2,050 00

Paid out on account of the University of the South—

By Rev. A. W. Knight	104 35
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Paid out on account American Church Building Fund—

By L. Bradford Prince	69 16
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Paid out on account Infirm and Disabled Clergy Fund

By W. A. Smith	53 48
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Paid out on account of Missions among the Jews—

By Jas. M. Brown	3 40
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Paid out on account of work among colored people—

By Rt. Rev. E. G. Weed	12 74
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Paid out on account of Indian Missions—

By E. W. Roberts	1 25
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Total disbursements \$9,084 33

BALANCE ON HAND.

In favor of the Diocesan Fund	\$ 929 05
In favor of Diocesan Missions	951 77
In favor of the Diocesan Endowment Fund	3,058 38
In favor of Missions among the Jews	1 00
In favor of the Holly Hill Building Fund (special)	34 00
In favor of the New Berlin Church Fund (special)	179 00

Total balance on hand \$5,153 23

To pledges made to Special Committee and interest on notes.....	266 10	
I hold in addition, new Jefferson county bonds, bearing 6 per cent. interest, amounting to....	2,000 00	
These bonds were purchased for an investment.		
Also one note given by the Vestry of St. John's Parish, Tallahassee.....	400 00	
One note given by the Vestry of St. Peter's Parish, Fernandina, with interest amounting to.....	272 77.	
Two notes given by the Vestry of Grace Parish, Ocala, with interest, amounting to.....	117 33	
Total.....		5,108 38
Received on account of the University of the South—		
Balance carried over.....	35 00	
To contributions.....	69 25	
Total.....		104 35
Received on account of Infirm and Disabled Clergy Fund—		
To balance carried over.....	33 12	
To contributions.....	20 36	
Total.....		53 48
Received on account of work amongst the colored people—		
To balance carried over.....	5 00	
To contributions.....	7 74	
Total.....		12 74
Received on account of Missions among the Jews—		
To balance carried over.....	3 40	
To contributions.....	1 00	
Total.....		4 40
Received on account of American Church Building Fund—		
To contributions.....		69 16
Received on account of Indian Missions—		
To contributions.....		1 25
Received on account of Holly Hill Building Fund (special)—		
To balance carried over.....	16 00	
To remittances.....	18 00	
Total.....		34 00
Received on account of New Berlin Church Fund (special).....		179 03
Total receipts.....		\$14,237 56

We feel that we cannot be grateful enough for the answer to our prayers in the growth of our small weak effort for a news-sheet, which was begun as a little missionary leaflet to aid the work of this Society and has now developed into the "Church Year," the accepted organ of all the Southern Dioceses, and we pray still for its successful continuance financially, and as a power for good as a champion of "Evangelic truth and Apostolic order."

We wish to call attention to the peculiar organization of the Woman's Auxiliary Society in Florida.

It derives its authority from the Bishop and Standing Committee, and is not a *voluntary self-created* association. Its officers are appointed by those above us, and we go out as accredited messengers of the Church.

And here we pause to offer a grateful tribute to the foresight, wisdom and devotion to Christ and His Church of the originator of the idea of this Society. Rev. R. H. Weller, who also drafted our first rules, and by whose energy and persistence it was organized and set to work.

So it works on a higher plane than is usual with societies of women, and standing thus, we think we have a right to claim the co-operation and support of the clergy.

Is it not their duty to stand by their own messengers? Some do this; but there are places where new Branches might be formed, and others where old ones would double and treble their offerings, if the clergyman in charge was interested in it, and would give a helping hand.

In a very few instances has the average been reached of the "one cent a day from each communicant" which was set before us at first as the standard at which to aim. If this average from *only* 2,000 persons could be collected regularly, we could pay into the treasury \$7,300 annually.

We beg that each and all of the clergy will pause long enough in the press of work to consider this organization so as to comprehend the genius of its plan—*work and pray*—and to give us the aid we ask, *moral support* and interest, with *attention* to the *furtherance of our plans and endeavors*.

Our Bishop tells us that the work of missions in the Diocese is largely dependant upon the funds of our Society, therefore Branches ought to be organized everywhere, at once, especially among those who share the blessing of its aid, not waiting until churches and rectories are built, altar hangings and interior finishings all completed. "These ought to be done and not leave the other undone." These are pleasant and right in their place and time, but *our* work is for means to send men to preach the "Lord Jesus Christ and Him crucified," to the building up of His Church and the saving of souls.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL, *Secretary*.

MRS. H. SWART, *Directress*,

MARY R. BURTON, *Treasurer*.

May 1, 1888.

*Balance of Florida in Account with Mary R. Burton, Treasurer
Woman's Auxiliary for Missions in Florida, 1887-1888.*

AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

From Holy Cross Church, Sanford.....	\$ 99 36
From Christ Church, Pensacola.....	163 05
From St. Luke's Church, Orlando.....	41 72
From Christ Church, Monticello.....	36 00
From St. Peter's Church, Fernandina.....	106 19
From St. Mary's Church, Milton.....	94 75
From St. Andrew's Church, Jacksonville.....	81 00
From St. John's Church, Jacksonville.....	1,130 56
From Trinity Church, St. Augustine.....	42 00
From St. Mark's Church, Palatka.....	118 07
From Christ Church, Cedar Keys.....	25 30
From Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville.....	38 75
From St. Paul's Church, Key West.....	31 50
From St. Andrew's Church, Tampa.....	34 75
From Our Saviour Church, Mandarin.....	22 70
From Grace Church, Ocala.....	19 60
From Christ Church, Longwood.....	14 39
From St. Mary's Church, Daytona.....	7 83
From Port Orange Mission.....	3 70
From St. Paul's Mission, Quincy.....	30 80
From St. Mary's Mission, Madison.....	11 70
From All Saints Church, Enterprise.....	18 00
From St. John's Church, Tallahassee.....	133 10
From Ascension Church Mission, Clear Water Harbor....	29 47
From Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City.....	67 15
From Kissimmee Mission.....	18 00
From Holly Hill and Ormond Mission.....	25 25
From Holly Hill Mission.....	5 00
From Pomona Mission.....	4 00
From Good Shepherd Mission, Dunedin.....	9 00
From Lloyd Mission.....	1 45
From Myers Mission.....	27 15

Total \$2,491 34
Respectfully submitted.

MARY R. BURTON,
Treasurer.

The report of the Trustees of Auburndale College was read and referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

THE TRUSTEES OF AUBURNDALE COLLEGE

Respectfully report:

They have held two meetings during the past year. One on the fifteenth day of June, 1887, and one on the 24th of April, 1888. It

was determined, at the first meeting, to call the College, to be situated at Auburndale, THE FLORIDA DIOCESAN COLLEGE. At the second meeting it was reported that the assets of the College, in lands, cash, etc., amounted to *sixteen thousand four hundred and eight-two dollars and nine cents* (\$16,482.09). Three hundred of this amount was not offered at the last meeting of the Council. The amount which is not yet in hand, but which is deemed good, is *nine thousand six hundred and forty-seven dollars and nine cents* (\$9,647.09). It was moved that a contract for the building be let.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN G. WEED,
Chairman of Board of Trustees.

The report of St. James' Academy was read and referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

Rt. Rev. Father and Brethren of the Council:

The St. James Academy and Boarding School for girls, after a desperate struggle for three and one-half years in Lake City, and three years in Macclenny, has at last become an institution of the Diocese. Its stay in Lake City was necessarily short, as it depended upon rented property, which was very limited in time and capacity. But, even in these first years of its struggle, it reached a patronage of sixteen boarding and thirty day pupils.

On April 22d, 1885, Mr. C. B. MacClenny, of Macclenny, was persuaded to begin the erection of buildings suitable to the purposes of such an enterprise, at a cost of about \$8,000, and to be paid for by drafts on the bank of faith.

On September 15th, 1885, the St. James opened its first scholastic year in its new buildings, since which time the property has become legally vested in the Diocese, thanks to the energy of our Rt. Rev. Father, and its patronage has steadily increased to a roll of nine boarding and sixty day pupils for the present year.

In 1881, the school began its work with a corps of four earnest, devoted teachers, to-day it requires, and has a corps of nine brave assistants.

It is indeed hard to make a financial report of the institution from its inception. I scarcely know how under the sun we have done it, but we have done it. There are a few laymen upon whose brows I can now see coronets, with the inscription "well done, good and faithful servants." Time and again the gallant ship has lain stranded upon the shoals, but a propitious tide would float her again, and to-day, I believe, by the help of God, she has struck deep water.

The St. James left in Lake City an indebtedness of about \$500.00, which has been personally assumed, and will, in good time, be wiped out from the record of the Institution.

There are certain planks in the platform of its career which, under its present management at least, are driven down, bolted and riveted to stay.

1st. The Church has always been the true friend of the poor, was created for this purpose. Hence, first and foremost, the advantages of the Institution, must always be accessible to the poor.

2d. In order to accomplish this, the Institution must be endowed, and as the rich are generally less disposed to be liberal than the poor, therefore, the way must always be kept open for the poor to endow it with their actual labor, even if the rich will not do so with their bottled up labor.

3d. The character and the scholar are made in the period and in the school of rudiments. Hence, the Church must do her best work there. The St. James will not touch collegiate studies, but will always seek the patronage of childhood rather than youth.

4th. As that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural, so all labor that contributes to the health and happiness of human nature must be accorded all honor. Hence the Institution must endeavor, by every means in its power, to inculcate this conception of life and its duties. One effective measure for the inculcation of this spirit, is the plan of making the cook and laundress members of the faculty, with equal value, honor, and social privilege, and of requiring pupils to take lessons in these departments, as an essential part of their training.

The present faculty have endeavored to carry out these principles, as far as present circumstances will permit.

C. S. SNOWDEN,
Principal.

The reading of the Parochial Reports being in order, it was *Resolved* that the reading of the Reports be indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Lay Preaching made the following Report, which was received, and the Committee discharged :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAY PREACHING.

It needs not affirmation that preaching by Laymen is in no sense disorderly. Persons knowing the truth, as Moses and the Prophets taught it, and as Jesus declared and constituted it, felt commissioned to publish it. Hence the spread of Judaism whithersoever a Jew wandered, the diffusion of the doctrine of Jesus and the Resurrection into whatever part of the world the believer made his way. Extraordinary times as at the first, would justify extraordinary means.

Paul would associate with himself Priscilla and Aquila, who would instruct carefully in the knowledge of Jesus, the learned, eloquent Apollos who should vindicate the Christ out of the Scriptures, and greatly help by his preaching the great Apostle to the Gentiles. A Bishop of Alexandria would call on an Origen yet unordained, to preach before him. Then later there would be an example of a Monk, gifted in spirit and in tongue, yet a layman, licensed to

preach. In an early Council Lay Readers were designated an order. The truth in that meant to men awake to the responsibility of their baptism into the triune God, penetrated by the spirit, cannot but publish His name who is unto them "wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption." It was inevitable with the progress of events making affairs more or less complicate, that callings and professions should become distinctly defined and separate from each other. The lines of demarkation coming to be strictly drawn between the Church and the world, business would be thought a disqualification for religious teaching, which would soon be regarded the exclusive function of an ordained ministry. It is not surprising that the lay element should have been well nigh eliminated from Church work, the busy world absorbing the laymen—affairs of State, industrial enterprise, scientific investigation, the whole complex of operations in a progressive civilization. With the crowding of city populations, making conspicuous the clerical insufficiency for necessary ministrations, there was a recurring to the old resource of Lay help. The individual accumulation of wealth released some from secular engagement, to the extent that they might undertake to teach the ignorant, care for the sick, administer relief to the poor and distressed. In London, and elsewhere in England, it came back to earnest thought early in this latter half of the century that there is wisely a mission for laymen in Church work.

In 1881, Archbishop Tait wrote: "I remember that when the Bishop's Fund was originated in 1864 and careful statistics were compiled as to the spiritual condition of the metropolis, it was suggested that the regular assistance of some 600 additional Lay agents, especially appointed as readers, was required in London alone, to give efficiency to the work of the Clergy. It has long been a question carefully considered, whether any steps ought to be taken to institute in the Church of England, a distinct office of Sub-Deacon. Some seem almost to have urged that our Church ought to add to the number of the three Apostolic orders of the ministry. It is thought, however, that what is wanted to meet the Church's need may be obtained without serious departure from ancient precedent. What is now in my opinion required is, that throughout every Diocese in England Laymen should be set apart to assist the clergy, in such portions of their work as do not necessarily call for the intervention of men ordained to any of the Apostolical orders. I am aware that in several Dioceses, notably in London, important steps have since been taken in this direction.

"What is desired now, is that these efforts shall be extended, organized and formally incorporated with our regular Church system, and shall receive everywhere the express authority of the heads of the Church."—*Quoted from Dr. C. Ellis Stevens' brochure on this subject.*

Revivals within the Church have been marked by the awakening of this dormant Lay force and the more or less judicious utilization of it. Not always, nor generally, has it shown itself in preaching. The pulpit

is carefully guarded by Article XXIII of the Thirty-nine Articles, by the ordinal and by general Canon. The ecclesiastical mind associates the preaching no less than the priestly function with ordination. We find accordingly in the efforts to utilize the unordained, and to engage them in the ministry, for which so many may have faculties and time, that societies or brotherhoods are constituted under the name of "Lay Helpers' Association in the Diocese of London." In this country the first like organization, and a copy of it, bears the same name, "Lay Helpers' Association in the Diocese of Long Island." There is the "Brotherhood of Lay Readers and Helpers of the P. E. Church in the U. S. A., Rhode Island." In New York is the "Churchman's Club," having for its object to help the Bishop.

The conspicuous phenomenon of the times is this Lay movement. Now and then, a man of wealth and of culture is devoting himself to the vicious and outcast; or to the ostracised host, seeking their acquaintance by mingling with them, and the recovery of the "lost touching with them," in order that he may be helpful in their improvement and elevation. Undoubtedly the proper designation of the unordained minister is Lay Helper. This help may take the form of reading service and sermon in congregations without a minister; of "reading service and delivering addresses, instruction and exhortation as a catechist, in vacant Parishes, Congregations or Missions, if one be specially licensed thereto by the Bishop."

Such is the Canon. It is implied that there is special reason for giving this license. First, the person's fitness in learning, in character, in power of speech is presupposed; second, the actual inability to provide the ordained minister is assumed.

As the matter stands under Church order and usage, under definite General Canon, it would seem to be expected of every Bishop that he be slow to license the Lay Reader to deliver his own addresses or sermons. Left as it is to his discretion, it is for him to be controlled by considerations of pressing local necessity, and of marked suitability of the individual Layman for the special function.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. WILLIAMS.
Chairman.

The Special Treasurer of the University of the South presented the following report, which, on motion, was received:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from C. B. Benedict, Treasurer.....	\$ 89 35
From St. John's Church, Jacksonville.....	100 00
From Trinity Church, St. Augustine.....	40 00
From St. Mark's Church, Palatka.....	30 00
From St. Andrew's Church, Jacksonville.....	20 00
From Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville.....	25 00
From Christ Church, Cedar Key.....	10 00

From Grace Church, Ocala	15 00
From St. Luke's Church, Orlando	20 00
From St. Peter's Church, Fernandina	25 00
From St. John's Church, Tallahassee	15 00
From Christ Church, Pensacola	30 00
From St. Mary's Church, Milton	10 00
From St. Matthew's Church, San Mateo	5 00
From Our Saviour's Church, Mandarin	15 00
From Our Saviour's Church, Fulton	5 00
From St. George's Church, Fort George	20 00
From St. James' Church, Zellwood	5 00
From All Saint's Church, Enterprise	10 00
From St. Edward's Church, Lane Park	2 21
From individual subscriptions	15 00
Total receipts	<u>\$506 56</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Assessments paid	\$350 00
Interest paid	2 14
Total	<u>\$352 14</u>
Balance on hand	<u>\$154 42</u>

A. W. KNIGHT, JR.,
Special Treasurer.

On motion, the Council went into, Committee of the Whole, on the Report of the Committee on Revision.

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Dr. DeWitt offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested, in conjunction with the Standing Committee, to formulate a Canon providing for some means to declare a vacancy in the Rectorship of a Parish, when, in view of the Bishop and Standing Committee, they shall find such action necessary for the good of the Church; which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Bishop appointed as the Special Committee of three to make assessments for the Theological Department of the University of the South, the Rev. A. W. Knight, and Messrs. G. R. Fairbanks, and D. A. Finlayson.

On motion, the Council adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, May 4, 1888, 9 a. m.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the Bishop in the Chair. The roll was called and the minutes read, corrected and approved.

Resolved, That under the direction of the Bishop, a Missionary meeting be held at each Council, at such time and with arrangements as in his judgment seem best.

Resolved, That in addition to the Statistical Report, every clergyman shall make a short report in writing to the Bishop of the condition of his work, for presentation to the ensuing Council, and that the reading of such reports be made the order of business for the second evening of the Council, and that such clergymen, as the Bishop shall appoint, shall be called upon to make short explanatory remarks on these reports.

Several members asked to be excused, but, on motion, permission was not granted.

The Committee on Endowment of the Diocese presented and read their report, which, on motion, was received, and so much thereof as the Committee deem best, ordered to be entered on the minutes.

THE COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT

Report that owing to the depression which existed throughout the Diocese during the summer and early winter of the past year, and other causes, which it is not necessary here to enumerate, they did not deem it advisable to enter upon an active canvass for the Endowment Fund until the latter part of March, when they engaged the services of Mr. A. S. Russell, a vigorous and earnest young churchman, who consented to take hold of the work under the direction and in the interest of the Committee. That, preparatory to his canvass, the Committee addressed the following circular letter to the Clergymen and Laity of the Diocese:

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Easter Monday, 1888

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Florida:

The following resolution was adopted by the last Council of the Diocese:

"Resolved, The Bishop and the Committee on Endowment be empowered to employ a special agent to secure the endowment of the Diocese, so that, if possible, the sum of \$50,000 be raised as a Thank-Offering for the Semi-Centennial of the Diocese."

During the Summer and Fall of 1887 the Committee did not deem it advisable, on account of the depression which prevailed, to attempt a canvass of the Diocese in the interest of the Endowment Fund, and for the past few months there have been so many other appeals presented to those whom they desire to interest in this matter, that they have thought best to postpone the effort.

They have now appointed Mr. A. S. Russell as their agent, who will, under the direction of the Committee, proceed vigorously to do what is necessary to bring this important matter specially and earnestly to the attention of all concerned. The object is one which appeals most forcibly to those who have the welfare of the Church at heart.

The Committee are satisfied that the Fund can be raised. It only requires the cheerful and considerate co-operation of those to whom this appeal is addressed. The circular issued by the Committee, under date of March 31, 1887, (a copy of which is attached,) will explain the general plan. It is proposed to raise a Fund of \$50,000. Pledges of money, payable when the entire Fund is raised, or subscriptions in land will be received. They commend the subject to your most serious consideration, and ask for their agent, Mr. Russell, a patient hearing and generous response.

S. A. SWANN,
J. J. DANIEL,
D. G. AMBLER,
C. B. BENEDICT.
Committee.

I most heartily approve and endorse the action of the Committee, and the appointment of Mr. A. S. Russell as their agent. I earnestly trust both the Clergy and the Laity of the Diocese will give this effort on the part of the Committee their support and co-operation

EDWIN G. WEED,
Bishop of Florida.

Mr. Russell entered upon the work on the first day of April, and has accomplished, up to the meeting of the Council, results which are very encouraging, and indicate an interest in the Fund which gives grateful promise of eventual success. He has secured in money and solvent notes, \$4,350, and in addition to this, pledges of lands amounting to 980 acres, which may reasonably be estimated at a cash valuation of \$2,000.

The Treasurer reports in his hands to the credit of the Endowment Fund, independent of recent collections and pledges, \$3,058.38, to which should be added lands heretofore donated to the Diocese, reported by the Executive Board, as worth from \$2,000 to \$6,000. The Fund as it now stands, therefore, represents not less than \$10,000, and may produce largely more than that sum.

The Committee are greatly encouraged by the results which have attended their efforts, and recommend to the Council that the work be prosecuted during the coming year, and a complete canvass of the Diocese be made, and to this end they advise that a new Committee be formed to whom shall be entrusted the further direction of the matter.

Respectfully,

S. A. SWANN,
D. G. AMBLER,
C. B. BENEDICT,
J. J. DANIEL,
Committee.

The Committee on Christian Education made their report, which was received, and the resolutions attached to the report adopted.

THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Having considered the papers referred to them, respectfully report as follows.

They do not consider it necessary to prove the importance of education, they rather fear that so much stress has been laid upon the necessity of having schools and colleges, that too often the character of the education given in such institutions has been overlooked. Statistics carefully prepared here, show that in some States the increase of crime has been in proportion to the amount of money expended in public instruction in those States. If nothing more than a coincident, it should give rise to a serious doubt whether that school system which deliberately excludes all religious teaching is promotive of either public morality or true statesmanship. It is certainly natural that a Committee on Christian Education can have but little regard for that education which makes no profession to be Christian.

Your Committee are glad to call attention to the increased efforts which are being made in the Diocese, to give children that instruction which will meet the approval of the Church.

After a struggle of nearly seven years, St. James' Academy, at Macclenny, has proved that it is no longer an experiment. The problem how to give a good Christian education, at a cost which shall be within the means of all, has been solved. For surely a boarding-school with terms at \$12.00 per month, may claim to have effected that solution. And while it is low in its terms, it is not low in its comforts, nor in its thoroughness, as far as it proposes to go.

Your committee believe that the College at Auburndale, now known as Florida Diocesan College, will soon be something more than a name. Over sixteen thousand dollars in land, cash, etc., have been subscribed, and it has been resolved that the contract for the buildings be let.

The University of the South has within its care over thirty of the youth of Florida, but it has still room for more, and your committee hope that the time is not far off when this institution will be patronized and supported as it deserves to be.

We append the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Council express its thanks to the Principal of St. James' Academy, at Macclenny, for the faithful earnestness with which he has labored for the cause of Christian education, and for the untiring zeal which through much discouragement has brought the Academy to its present state of usefulness.

Resolved, That the Council commends St. James' Academy to the consideration of those parents who have girls to be educated, as not only reasonable in its terms and thorough in its work, but also, far more important, Christian in its profession and in its practice.

The committee has selected this academy for special mention because it stands comparatively alone in giving to the children of those parents

who have little of this world's possessions, an education which shall be within their means.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. CARTER,
J. B. C. BEAUBIEN,
C. S. SNOWDEN,
R. H. PEGUES.

On motion the Council went into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee rose and reported, through its chairman, the Canons as revised by the Committee, and recommended their adoption, with some exceptions, action on which exceptions was postponed until after the report of the Committee on Canons.

The Rev. Mr. Dunham proposed an amendment to Canon XV "of Dissolving Pastoral Connection."

When, on motion of J. J. Daniel, Mr. Dunham's amendment was referred to the Standing Committee on Canons, with instructions to consider the proposed amendment, and after taking the advice of the Chancellor of the Diocese, report to the Council this evening.

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision be continued, the Chancellor be added thereto, and that Section 9 of Canon XI be referred to said committee, to report thereon at the next Council.

Resolved, That two additional members be appointed on the Revision Committee by the Bishop. The Bishop appointed the Rev. C. M. Sturges and Mr. W. W. Hampton.

The Council took recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 4, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Council met after recess, the Bishop in the chair.

Resolved, That Canon IV be amended by restoring the words "before the final adjournment." Carried.

It was *Resolved*, That the Canons recommended by the Committee of the Whole be now adopted. Carried by a vote of two-thirds. (See Appendix C).

It was *Resolved*, That Canon XIII be referred to the Committee on Revision.

It was *Resolved*, That Messrs. J. J. Daniel, D. S. Walker and D. A. Finlayson be appointed a committee to take charge of the application to the Legislature for the amendments of the Act of Incorporation proposed by the Council last year.

The Finance Committee presented its report which, on motion, was received and its recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee respectfully report that they have carefully examined the statements of the Treasurer and find the same to be correct, and his disbursements supported by proper vouchers.

It is a subject of very great gratification to note that, for the first time in very many years in the history of the Diocese, the Treasurer reports all of its debts and obligations of every kind fully discharged and a balance in his hands to the credit of each of the different funds reported on.

The Committee most earnestly recommend to the different Parishes and Missions, that the calls made upon them by the Council be promptly met in future, in order that no indebtedness may be again incurred, and that the credit of the Diocese may be sustained. To accomplish this most desirable result, it is only necessary that the authorities of the different Parishes and Missions adopt and pursue a systematic course, in the collection of the assessments which the Council may direct. The Committee strongly urge that assessments be paid in quarterly installments. We cannot too strongly impress the importance of pursuing this plan, particularly with the weaker Parishes and Missions.

In view of the very great expense to which the Bishop is subjected in traveling over the extensive territory committed to his Episcopal care, the Committee recommend that, in addition to his salary, the Treasurer be instructed to pay him, in quarterly installments, the annual sum of \$500.

We append a schedule of assessments which has passed under the careful revision of the Committee, and presents as equitable a distribution of the amount required to cover the estimates for the coming year, as with the information at the command of the Committee can be reached.

St. Thomas, Eustis.....	\$	30	00
St. Margaret's, Hibernia.....		30	00
St. George's, Fort George.....		30	00
St. Mary's, Daytona.....		25	00
St. Barnabas, DeLand.....		20	00
Our Saviour, Fulton.....		25	00

All Saints', Fairbanks.....	3 00
St. Paul's, Waldo.....	10 00
St. Philip's, Jacksonville.....	25 00
All Saints', Enterprise.....	40 00
St. James', Zellwood.....	25 00
Emanuel, Welaka.....	10 00
St. Andrew's, East Jacksonville.....	125 00
St. Joseph, Bartow.....	10 00
St. James', Leesburg.....	20 00
St. James', Macclenny.....	25 00
Good Shepherd, Brooklyn.....	50 00
St. Stephen's, LaVilla.....	30 00
Thonotossassa.....	10 00
All Saints', Winter Park.....	10 00
Kissimmee.....	10 00
Rock Ledge.....	10 00
Welborn.....	5 00
Lloyds.....	10 00
St. Paul's, Quincy.....	10 00
St. Mary's, Madison.....	30 00
Fort Meade.....	10 00
Bluff Springs.....	5 00
St. Philip's, Palatka.....	5 00
Trinity, St. Augustine.....	300 00
St. John's, Tallahassee.....	200 00
St. Paul's, Key West.....	200 00
St. John's, Jacksonville.....	800 00
St. James', Lake City.....	30 00
St. Mary's, Milton.....	80 00
St. Luke's, Marianna.....	30 00
Trinity, Apalachicola.....	60 00
Christ, Pensacola.....	500 00
St. Mark's, Palatka.....	250 00
St. Peter's, Fernandina.....	125 00
Christ, Monticello.....	60 00
Trinity, Gainesville.....	115 00
Good Shepherd, Maitland.....	5 00
Holy Cross, Sanford.....	50 00
St. Andrew's, Tampa.....	25 00
Christ, Longwood.....	10 00
St. Luke's, Orlando.....	75 00
Holy Cross, Margaretta.....	3 00
St. Matthew's, San Mateo.....	20 00
Holy Comforter, Crescent City.....	25 00
Grace, Orange Park.....	20 00
Christ, Cedar Key.....	75 00
Our Saviour, Mandarin.....	50 00
St. Mary's, Green Cove Springs.....	25 00
Grace, Ocala.....	85 00

St. Mary's, Cedar Creek	4 00
St. Mary's, Glen St. Mary.	2 00
St. Paul's, Federal Point.	15 00
St. Edward's, Lane Park	10 00
Grace, Port Orange	5 00
Warrington.	2 50
Sutherland, Alachua county	5 00
St. John's, Brooksville	5 00
Fruit Cove	5 00
Ascension, Clear Water Harbor	5 00
Auburndale	3 00
Fort Myers	5 00
Dunedin	5 00
St. Peters, Key West	25 00
St. John's, Key West.	10 00
Total.	\$4,072 50

The Committee heartily approve the action taken by the Committee on Finance, in relieving the defaulting Parishes from all obligations for arrearages previous to the past annual Council. The Treasurer reports a number of the Parishes and Missions in arrears for the current year. These arrearages we respectfully recommend that the Council refer to the Committee on Finance for adjustment, urging, however, that except in cases where the Committee, to whom they are referred, is satisfied that the assessment cannot possibly be raised, the Parishes and Missions which have not paid be urged to do so.

It is only by sharing the burden equally that we can expect to raise the amount needed to pay the obligations which we have assumed.

The Committee commend the effort of the Committee on Endowment to the earnest consideration of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese. If this fund can be raised it will prove the best solution of the financial questions which have so long perplexed and embarrassed the Church in its work.

They also recommend that the Clergy avail themselves, to the utmost extent, of the Woman's Auxiliary, in order to increase the contributions for Diocesan Missions, so as to meet the Missionary wants of the Diocese, and enable the Bishop and Board of Missions to carry out their plans for the extension of the Church. With the admirable machinery of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the active and cheerful aid which the good women of the Church are ready to extend, there is no reason why this fund may not be increased during the coming year, to three times the amount reported at this session of the Council.

It is difficult to estimate the effect which would be produced in the growth and power of the Church, and its ability to contribute to the Diocesan Fund, by the expenditure in this direction of the amount which would thus be raised.

The Committee cannot refrain from expressing their high appreciation of the vigor and energy of the Treasurer in the discharge of his duty, and the admirable manner in which his accounts are kept, and his report presented.

Respectfully,

J. J. DANIEL,
D. G. AMBLER,
S. A. SWANN,
C. B. BENEDICT,
W. E. ANDERSON,
J. N. C. STOCKTON,
C. S. WILLIAMS,
A. W. KNIGHT.

The Executive Board presented its report, which, on motion, was received, and its recommendations adopted.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

respectfully reports, that the Board has held three meetings since the last Council, viz: On June 28th and September 27, 1887, and on May 1, 1888.

In accordance with the resolution of the last Council, the Board has placed a Mortgage on the Church property at Winter Park.

The Board has effected a change of lots at Federal Point, in accordance with the petition of Edwin Smith and others.

On petition of the Vestry of St. Peter's, Fernandina, an exchange of a portion of the Church property was made with Mr. Swann, of Fernandina, greatly improving the property of the Church. It is needless to say that this exchange was made through the kindness of Mr. S. A. Swann, of Fernandina.

The Board has authorized the Endowment Committee to use a sufficient amount of the funds contributed to aid them in carrying out their plans.

It was brought to the attention of the Board, that the titles to the Church property in Titusville, needed investigation. After some correspondence, Mrs. Titus and the Trustees gave deeds of the property to the corporation of the Diocese, excepting that part reserved for burial purposes. This happy solution is due to Mrs. Titus and Mr. J. D. Parkinson.

A petition from the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Jacksonville, asking leave to exchange a part of their property, was received at the last meeting of the Board. This petition is respectfully presented to the Council, with the request that it be granted.

The Board has found that Canon — "Of the Executive Board," materially interferes with the financial arrangements of the Parishes and Missions, of the Diocese. The Board, in order to allow greater liberty, respectfully requests the Council to alter Canon — "Of the

Executive Board," by striking out the word "used" in the first line of paragraph 2, section IV, of said Canon.

The Board respectfully asks the Council to grant permission to the Board to mortgage the Church building at Pablo Beach, in order that the money which has been advanced for its construction may be refunded.

The Board also asks the Council to grant permission to the Board to mortgage the Church property at Lane Park, in order to pay the contractor the amount due him.

The Board respectfully recommends to the Council that the records of the Diocesan Councils be transcribed into a suitable book, to be presented at the next regular meeting of the Council; and that the minutes be enrolled hereafter in like manner; and further, that a fire-proof safe be procured, as a depository for safe keeping of the archives of the Diocese. In order to keep the deeds and other papers belonging to the Diocese, and in the hands of the Board, properly filed and arranged, and in order to prevent the insurance on property from being lost by neglect, the Board has charged one of its members with the duty of carefully filing away all papers coming into the hands of the Board, and of caring for the insurance on the property of the Diocese, and has named this officer the "Actuary."

A copy of the rules and regulations adopted by the Board for its government is hereto appended.*

The Board append a report of the Actuary, Mr. S. A. Swann, to which, with accompanying schedules the attention of the Council is specially called. It is of the utmost importance that the title to all Church property be vested in the Diocesan Corporation. That all deeds and muniments of any kind be turned over to the Actuary for safe keeping, and that the affairs of the Diocese be, as speedily as possible, put in a systematic and business shape. The attention of the Parishes and Missions is urgently called to the great importance of keeping their buildings insured.

The Board recommend the passage of a resolution by the Council, urging these important matters upon the attention of the authorities of the different Parishes and Missions.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the Board.

EDWIN G. WEED,

Bishop of Florida and President of the Board.

ACTUARY'S REPORT.

ACTUARY'S OFFICE.

FERNANDINA, May 2, 1888.

To the Executive Board of the Diocese of Florida:

GENTLEMEN: As directed by resolutions appointing me Actuary, I did, on the 6th of September last, address a circular to all clergymen

*NOTE.—It is not deemed necessary to insert these rules and regulations in the printed Journal.

having charge of Parishes and Missions throughout the State, requesting that they forward to me all deeds and other papers, (abstracts, fire policies, etc.,) relating to their respective charges. A number of the clergy neither responded to the resolutions of your committee nor have they inclosed to me their titles.

With this I append a list of all papers thus far filed with me, as well as lists of Parishes and Missions whose papers are not on file.

In order that all deeds requiring it may be duly recorded, and that others be properly transferred to the Diocese, I must ask that provision be made for paying costs of preparing and recording the same.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL A. SWANN,
Actuary.

Parishes and Missions whose deeds are not on file with me :

Trinity Church, St. Augustine.
St. John's Church, Jacksonville
St. Paul's Church, Key West.
St. John's Church, Key West.
St. Mark's, Church, Palatka.
Christ Church, Monticello.
Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville.
Trinity Church, Apalachicola.
St. Luke's Church, Marianna.
St. John's Church, Balmoral.
St. Philip's Church, Palatka.
All Saints Church, Winter Park.
St. Thomas' Church, Eustis.
Our Saviour Church, Fulton.
Holy Cross Church, Margaretta.
St. Mary's Church, Cedar Creek.
St. Edward's Church, Lane Park.
St. Paul's Church, Quincy.
St. Joseph's Church, Bartow.
Good Shepherd Church, Lone Star.
Astatula Chapel, Astatula.
Holy Trinity Church, Melrose.
Grace Chapel, Fruitland Park.
St. John's Chapel, Corley Island.
Glen St. Mary's, Macclenny
Lloyd's, Hawthorne. Providence Mission.
St. Andrew's Church, Tampa.
St. Andrew's Church, East Jacksonville.*

S. A. SWANN,
Actuary.

NOTE.—It is not deemed necessary to insert the other lists in the printed Journal.

It was *Resolved*, That the proposed amendment to Article III of the Constitution do now pass its third reading and consideration. Passed.

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to Article V do now pass its third reading and consideration. Passed.

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to Article VI do now pass its third reading and consideration. Passed.

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to Article VII do now pass its third reading and consideration. Passed.

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to Article IX do now pass its third reading and consideration. Passed.

The Rev. Mr. Knight presented the report of the Special Committee on Assessment for the Theological Department of the University of the South, which, on motion, was received and adopted as follows:

The committee appointed to prepare a schedule of assessment for the support of the Theological Department of the University of the South recommend the adoption of the following:

St. John's, Jacksonville.....	\$100 00
Trinity, St. Augustine.....	40 00
St. Mark's Palatka.....	30 00
St. Andrew's Jacksonville.....	20 00
Holy Trinity, Gainesville.....	25 00
Christ, Cedar Key.....	10 00
Grace, Ocala.....	15 00
St. Luke's, Orlando.....	20 00
Holy Cross, Sanford.....	15 00
Christ, Monticello.....	5 00
St. Peter's, Fernandina.....	25 00
St. John's Tallahassee.....	15 00
Christ, Pensacola.....	30 00
St. Mary's, Milton.....	10 00
St. Andrew's, Tampa.....	5 00
St. Matthew's, San Mateo.....	5 00
Our Saviour, Mandarin.....	10 00
Our Saviour, Fulton.....	5 00
St. George's, Fort George.....	10 00
Good Shepherd, Maitland.....	5 00
St. James', Zellwood.....	5 00
St. Paul's, Key West.....	20 00
All Saints, Enterprise.....	10 00
St. Luke's, Marianna.....	5 00
St. Margaret's, Hibernia.....	5 00
Good Shepherd, Jacksonville.....	5 00
St. Mary's, Madison.....	5 00

Melbourne Mission.....	5 00
St. Edward's, Lane Park.....	5 00
Total.....	<u>\$465 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. KNIGHT,
G. R. FAIRBANKS,
D. A. FINLAYSON,
Committee.

The Committee on Unfinished business, presented the following report, which, on motion, was received :

The Committee on Unfinished Business begs leave to report that they have diligently examined the Journal of the last Council, and can find no unfinished business, except such as is still in the hands of committees, and certain alterations in the Constitution and Canons which were proposed at the last Council, and now under consideration of the present Council. For the Committee,

BROOKE G. WHITE,
Chairman.

It was *Resolved*, That we, the Council of the Church in the Diocese of Florida, do earnestly petition our Rt. Rev. Father in God, the Bishop of the Diocese, that he will leave off his arduous labors long enough to attend the meeting of the Pan-Anglican Council, which soon assembles in Lambeth Palace.

It was *Resolved*, That we hail with pleasure, and greet with love and Christian fellowship, the colored laymen here present, who represent two Colored Missions in this Council.

W. M. Artrell, of St. Philip's Mission, Jacksonville, rose and returned thanks to the Council for the hearty manner in which it has endorsed the resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. White, in welcoming his colleague and himself to this Council.

The Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following report, which, on motion, was received:

THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH,
reports as follows: With the address of the Bishop and the Parochial Reports before it, the Committee find the general condition and growth of the Church most gratifying and full of promise. With few exceptions there is evidence of progress all around. The number of clergy in the field has been largely increased. While the report last year showed an increase in the number of parochial reports of one-third over that of the previous year, those of this year, show an

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... spiritual life of the Church.
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... address, to make the increase of
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... to the work of the Woman's
... and religiously keep these matters
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... present prosperous condition of
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... pressing chiefly upon our attention
... proves the earnestness of his
... Diocese of Missions, and we
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... Ecclesiastical Authority, but
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... Reports, placed in the hands

REPORTS, A. D. 1888

	1,727
	1,223
	6,580
	38
	83
	496
	576

Confirmed.....	362
Communicants—Number last reported.....	2,120
Admitted	299
Added by Removal.....	182
Lost by Removal.....	339
Lost by Death.....	53
Present Number.....	3,057
Marriages.....	203
Burials.....	245
Sunday-school Teachers.....	294
Sunday-school Scholars	2,382
Parish-school Teachers.....	14
Parish-school Scholars	209
Number of Services.....	5,063
Holy Communion—Times.....	944

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church Edifices and Grounds.....	\$238,200 00
Rectories and Grounds.....	37,200 00
School Property.....	21,700 00
Other Property.....	22,515 00

Total of Values.....\$319,615 00

Insurance.....	\$99,150 00
Indebtedness.....	20,680 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.....	\$31,993 15
Diocesan Assessment.....	3,600 86
Diocesan Missions.....	2,609 38
Domestic Missions.....	183 46
Foreign Missions.....	84 06
Disabled Clergy Fund.....	158 88
University of the South.....	407 21
Communion Alms.....	910 53
Other Purposes.....	12,538 25

Total Contributions.....\$52,485 78

No. of Sitzings.....8,203

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WEDDELL,
E. L. TURQUAND,
E. K. FOSTER,
N. B. HARRIS,
J. M. JONES,
C. M. STURGES,
H. E. DOTTERER,
E. E. VOYLE.

Committee.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. E. E. Voyle, for his labor in preparing the tabulated statement of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Standing Committee presented its annual report, which, on motion was received.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

of the Diocese of Florida respectfully reports to the Forty-fifth Annual Council that, at the Forty-fourth Annual Council, held in Gainesville, May 4, 5, and 6th, 1887, the Rev. Messrs. Williams, Weller and Dunham, and Messrs J. J. Daniel, S. A. Swann and R. D. Knight were duly elected as the Standing Committee for the ensuing year. There have been five meetings of the Standing Committee during the past year. The first held May 6, 1887, at which meeting the Committee organized by the election of the Rev. C. S. Williams as President, and the Rev. F. B. Dunham as Secretary. A testimonial to the Bishop of Florida, recommending that a dispensation as to Greek and Latin be given to William Dodd, candidate for Holy Orders, was duly signed and forwarded.

The second was held in Jacksonville, June 28th, at which consent was given to the election of Rt. Rev. William Forbes Adams, to be Bishop of Easton.

The third was held in Jacksonville, December 5th, 1887. Consent was given to the election of the Rev. James S. Johnston to be Missionary Bishop of Western Texas, and the Rev. Abiel Leonard to be Missionary Bishop of Utah and Nevada. W. S. S. Atmore, candidate for Holy Orders, was recommended to the Bishop to be ordained Deacon.

The fourth was held in Jacksonville, December 30th, 1887. The Rev. J. S. Beakman, Deacon, was recommended to the Bishop for ordination to the Priesthood.

The fifth was held in Jacksonville, May 1st, 1888. The Rev. William Dodd, Deacon, was recommended to the Bishop for advancement to the Priesthood.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. WILLIAMS, *President*.

F. B. DUNHAM, *Secretary*.

THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS,

presented its report, which, on motion, was received :

Your Committee beg leave to report, that, in the limited time allotted them, they find it impossible to review the Missionary work of the Diocese as thoroughly as could be desired. They can, therefore, only hope to supplement by a few suggestions, the very able report of the Board of Missions, the Woman's Auxiliary, and the Deans of Convo-

cation. We rejoice that these reports, as a whole, show increased interest in the work of Missions, and that slowly, but surely, the Church is gaining ground in the Diocese. Yet the work is far behind our resources, and ability.

From Pensacola to Key West, hundreds of towns and villages are yet without the services of the Church. New work is being entered upon continually, by the earnest Rectors and Missionaries. And here, without desiring to abate, in the least, the interest in the newer portions of the Diocese, we suggest that more attention should be paid to the older portions of the Diocese in West and Middle Florida, now taking on new life, and destined to become the home of a large agricultural population. Quite a number of Church buildings, memorials of the self-sacrifice of earnest souls, are now unoccupied, and closed to the worship of Almighty God. We must not neglect the old in our zeal to secure the new.

Your Committee have reason to believe, that scattered throughout the Diocese, distant from the reach of Rector or Missionary, are many communicants of the Church. We owe a duty to them; they should have, at least occasionally, the ministrations of the Church. Their names should be enrolled as communicants of the Church, and they be made to realize that they are of the Household of Faith.

For the benefit of these people, as well as to relieve the Bishop from some portion of his arduous duties, your Committee recommend, that the office of General Missionary be revived, in fact, if not in name, and that he be sent by the Bishop as the pastor of these scattered sheep.

The importance of the office is further necessary, in order to strengthen our Woman's Auxiliary, by exhorting to more abundant labors the branches already formed, and by organizing new branches. This duty cannot be done by the Bishop, it must have a special agent. We call attention to the slight falling off in the contributions of the Woman's Auxiliary Society. We believe it is due to the need of some method of periodically encouraging them by words of cheer, and practical advice, from some one sent by the Bishop for that purpose. We believe that increased contributions to the fund for Diocesan Missions, would be the result of such work.

Your Committee notice, with appreciation, the earnest efforts in many places to erect Church buildings. With all deference, they believe that the stability of Church work would be better insured, if the effort was first directed to the building of a clergy house.

With this, services for a portion of the year would almost be assured; without it, oftentimes years elapse before even occasional ministrations are secured.

We believe that a much greater interest would be had in the Mission work of the Diocese, if the several congregations were, from time to time, more accurately informed as to the condition of the work. This is, primarily of course, the duty of the clergy; but they, like other men, need incitement to duty, and have those duties defined. We recommend that the Board of Missions, from time to time, by circular.

inform the clergy of the needs of specific portions of the Diocese, and request them to lay the same before their several congregations.

The signal success attending the work of Lay-Readers, and Lay-Preachers in our Mission fields, induces us to urge upon the clergy the training of more men and women in their congregations for this work. We look to this Lay co-operation as the only way in which the ministrations of the Church can be carried to the rural districts. Perhaps the time has not yet come when the subject of Lay-Preachers, as an order, can be discussed otherwise than tentatively. But we earnestly submit, that now the men should be in training of whom, in the future this order is to be composed.

Your Committee would call attention to the fact that this Diocese has made no provision for aged and infirm clergy, their widows and orphans. Many men who would enter the Missionary fields are restrained by the certainty that awaits them, when age has taken away the ability to earn the meagre stipend of a Missionary, the certainty of starvation, or subsistence upon charity. From the very nature of the case, they cannot lay by in store for the days of old age, or provide for their families when they are taken away. God will provide, but only when we use that reason with which He has endowed us. Give to these men the assurance, that when they have given their life and strength to the work of the Church, that the Church will care for them and theirs.

Your Committee respectfully recommend that the work of the Endowment Committee be limited to securing an endowment for two purposes only, viz The support of the Episcopate, and of aged and infirm Clergy, their widows and orphans, and that all other objects, such as contingent expenses and the like, be provided for otherwise.

J. J. SCOTT,
Chairman.

It was *Resolved*, That the Committee on Revision be instructed to consider such revision of the Constitution and Canons, as shall provide for representation in Council according to the number of communicants.

Resolved, That the Forty-sixth Annual Council be held in St. Peter's Church, Fernandina, on the first Wednesday in May, 1889.

Resolved, That THE CHURCH YEAR, published in Jacksonville, Fla., be and the same is, hereby recognized as the official organ of this Diocese.

Resolved, That the Council go into the election of Diocesan officers.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Messrs. B. G. White and W. S. S. Atmore, tellers.

It was *Resolved*, That the Secretary cast the ballot for Mr. C. B. Benedict as Treasurer, which was done, and Mr. Benedict declared elected.

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballot for Dr. A. S. Baldwin as Registrar, which was done, and Dr. Baldwin declared elected.

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballot for Mr. L. I. Fleming as Chancellor, which was done, and Mr. Fleming declared elected.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Messrs. Barbour and Milnes tellers for the election of the Finance Committee, and the Rev. Messrs. Wilmer and Lee, tellers for the election of the Board of Missions.

When the Council took a recess until 7:30 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 7:30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Council opened after recess, the Rev. Mr. Williams in the chair.

The tellers reported the following as elected for the Standing Committee:

The Rev. C. S. Williams,	J. J. Daniel,
The Rev. R. H. Weller,	S. A. Swann,
The Rev. F. B. Dunham,	R. D. Knight,

The tellers reported the following members of the Board of Missions elected:

The Rev. W. H. Carter,	J. J. Daniel,
The Rev. J. R. Bicknell,	D. A. Finlayson,
	W. W. Hampton,

leaving two clerical members to be elected.

The tellers reported the following elected as members of the Finance Committee:

J. N. C. Stockton,	The Rev. B. G. White,
W. E. Anderson,	

leaving one clerical member to be elected.

The Bishop appointed as tellers for the election of Finance Committee, the Rev. Messrs. Milnes and Barbour.

It was *Resolved*, That the Secretary cast the ballot for the Rev. A. W. Knight and Messrs. L. I. Fleming and G. R. Fairbanks as Trustees of the University of the South, which was done.

The Tellers announced that the Rev. S. B. Carpenter was elected a member of the Board of Missions, and the Secretary was instructed to

cast the ballot for the Rev. C. M. Sturges as a member of the Board of Missions, which was done.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Messrs. Lee and Wilmer tellers for the election of Deputies to the General Convention.

The Tellers on the Finance Committee announced that the Rev. C. B. Wilmer was elected.

The Tellers announced as elected Deputies to the General Convention—

The Rev. J. J. Scott,

G. R. Fairbanks,

The Rev. C. S. Williams,

D. G. Ambler.

The Rev. R. H. Weller,

Leaving one Clerical and two Lay Deputies to be elected.

It was *Resolved*, That the Secretary cast the ballot for Rev. S. B. Carpenter as Clerical, and Messrs. H. E. Dotterer and W. M. Artrell as Lay Deputies to the General Convention, which was done.

The Committee on Canons presented the following report, with the opinion of the Chancellor attached, which, on motion, was received:

THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

To whom was referred the following proposed amendment to Canon XIV, to wit:

"And it shall be competent for the Bishop, acting by and with the advice of the Standing Committee, to dissolve the pastoral connection between any Rector and his Parish."

And also the following resolution:

"That the Bishop be requested, in conjunction with the Standing Committee, to formulate a Canon providing for some means to declare the vacancy in the Rectorship of a Parish, when in the view of the Bishop and the Standing Committee, they shall find such action necessary for the good of the Church."

Respectfully report, That they have considered the subject matter of said proposed amendment, and said resolution touching the same matter, and that they have had a consultation with the Chancellor of the Diocese, and have had the benefit of his written and oral opinion in reference thereto, and have come to the unanimous conclusion, that inasmuch as the said proposed amendment, of the Rev. Mr. Dunham, embraces, virtually, the same subject as Canon IV, Title II, of the Digest of the General Convention, and that the enactment of such amendment would virtually suspend the operation of such Canon of the General Convention, while it would not meet all the requirements of the subject of the said Canon, and the Committee being unable, for want of time, to give such consideration as the framing of a satisfactory new Canon would require, therefore report, that it would not

be expedient to adopt the amendment of the Rev. Mr. Dunham, and **would** recommend that said Canon XIV, with such proposed amendment, be referred to the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and Canons for more mature consideration, in order that they may **report** upon the same to the next Council. For the same reasons **they** recommend that the resolution of Dr. DeWitt shall also be **similarly** referred.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. LINN,
S. B. CARPENTER,
D. A. FINLAYSON,
FREDERICK TOWERS,
W. W. HAMPTON,
G. R. FAIRBANKS,
JNO. C. AVERY,
C. B. WILMER.

To the Committee on Canons :

"The undersigned, to whom your Committee referred Canon XIV of the proposed Canons, on the subject "Of Dissolving Pastoral Connections," together with the amendment thereto proposed by the Rev. Mr. Dunham, for consideration as to the power of the Council to enact the same, and whether it would be consistent and in harmony with the Canons of the General Convention, and whether action under the said Canon could legally operate to set aside any contract existing between Rector and Parish, respectfully reports : That he has considered the questions submitted as fully and carefully as the limited time allows, and has reached the conclusions hereinafter indicated. In turning to the Canons recorded in the proceedings of the last General Convention, Title II, Canon IV, on the subject "Of Differences between Ministers and their Congregations," and "Of the Dissolution of Pastoral Connection," which Canon was originally enacted in 1832 and revised in 1876, it will be seen that the General Convention has legislated on the subject, but by reference to Section 3 of said Canon it will be further discovered that a Diocese may be governed by the general Canon or not, as it, in its own wisdom, may deem best. By this Section 3 it is specially provided, that the Canon in question shall not interfere with any existing law or custom of a Diocese, nor shall it interfere with the right of any Diocese to make provision by Canon on the same subject, but as soon as provision is so made the General Canon ceases to be of force in that Diocese.

The right to legislate on the subject having been granted to the Diocese, by the General Convention, the power must be regarded as supreme. And the relations of Rector, Vestry and Parish having been entered into, and existing, with the full recognition of the supremacy of this power, these relations must be under its control, and all contracts and engagements entered into by the parties in question subject to its control.

It is for the Committee in the first instance, and for the Council

afterwards, to consider whether the General Canon, if invoked, does not provide an adequate remedy for all differences between Rector, Vestry and Parish. if not, it will be for the wisdom of the Council to enact a Diocesan Canon that will give full relief, the Council keeping in mind that it is the true policy, both of Church and State, to govern, whenever it can be done, by general laws, and the Canon of the General Convention should not be set aside, unless it be made clearly to appear that the necessity for a Diocesan Canon exists.

L. I. FLEMING,

Chancellor of the Diocese of Florida.

May 4th, 1888.

It was *Resolved*, That the recommendation of the Committee on Canons be adopted.

It was *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Council be extended to the clergy and church people of Jacksonville for their kindness and hospitality to the Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay \$5.00 to the sexton of St. John's Church

Resolved, That 750 copies of the Journal of this Council be printed and distributed by the Secretary.

The Bishop announced his approval of all the Canons passed at this Council, and also of the amendments to the Constitution and Canons which were passed.

Resolved, That, after the usual devotions, this Council adjourn *sine die*.

After approving the minutes, and an address and prayers by the Bishop, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

E. G. WEED,
President.

R. H. WELLER,
Secretary.

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APPENDIX A.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.



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MY DEAR BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY: Another year has passed, and we find ourselves face to face with many of the same questions which we were compelled to meet, when last we assembled to take counsel concerning the needs, necessities and care of the Diocese. Much has been accomplished through the help of God's Holy Spirit, and much remains to be done. The missionary work in the Diocese, I hope and feel assured, will engage your attention chiefly. Every extended work, like the great missionary efforts of this vast Diocese, must have points of discouragement and trial. Struggle and misfortune seem to be necessary to keep us properly in tune with the common beat of humanity. Struggle and disaster, energy apparently wasted, hope long deferred, have always marked the path of earnest, sincere impersonal labor in the Church of God. Some one has said, "The Church has always seemed to be on the eve of failure but never fails." Last summer, when the financial condition of the State was at its lowest ebb, with yellow fever in Key West and yellow fever in Tampa, with one priest at the gate of the Spirit world, with another who had for so long been in the hottest of the fray, with another speeding his way to the far west laid to rest, after consigning his wife's remains to the care of the ever-watching angelic host—last summer, when the State was deserted and no man knew where the calamities would end, it seemed as though the burden of the Lord would crush the drooping hearts. But hope which springs from a well-rooted faith cheered the weary, and we struggled on. We ought to thank God that He has brought us thus far on our journey, has given us refreshment and comfort by the way, and has spared us from a worse calamity. The hour was dark, but it might have been darker. One faithful Priest who sought diligently to fulfill his Master's calling, who spared not himself in seeking to comfort others, is here among us. In spite of the difficulties which beset the State and the Diocese, during the past summer, the Church has grown amazingly, and we find the Church to-day stronger and in a

better condition than when we met last year. It is not my purpose to enter into details. In the Treasurer's report you will learn the financial condition of the Diocese; and as the financial condition is the real test of the strength and earnestness of the people, we have every reason to be encouraged. Several new Churches have been built, and a number of new missionary organizations have been established. The Missionary Board will make a report which, I am sure, will cheer the hearts of all the members of the Council. Besides my duties in the Diocese, at the earnest request of the Bishop of Georgia, I consented to aid him in caring for the Diocese of Georgia as best I could. This, with my position on the Colored Commission, has taken much more of my time than I had to spare. Though I have made over a hundred visitations in the Diocese, I regret there are some parishes and missions which I have not been able to visit. I have reached parts of the Diocese which I did not reach last year, and before another year rolls round, I trust I can make a full report of every part of the Diocese. The confirmations show a grand total of 345. I have ordained three to the Priesthood, and three to the Diaconate. I wish I could report a number of candidates for Holy Orders. The harvest is ripe but the laborers are few. You must make this a subject in your prayers. Pray that God may put it into the hearts of devout and holy men to seek His service in the sacred ministry. I wonder how many can say outside the petition in the Litany that they pray the Lord to send laborers into His Vineyard. Prayers and intercessions ought to ascend to the throne of Grace unceasingly in behalf of His holy Church. Her needs ought to be the subjects of special petitions daily.

You will have laid before you the reports of the Committee on Revision. I trust you will give these reports your most careful attention. Too much of our time is taken up in making Canons. If it be possible at this Council to relieve our future deliberations from the burden of this work, and enable us to give more time to deliberations on other and pressing matters concerning the advancement of the labors of the Diocese in the Missionary field, I hope it will be done.

While almost every part of the Diocese is growing in financial strength, yet there is a part of it which has not. While we have men at work on the Gulf coast and Indian River, where we did not have them last year; while in the past year Welaka, Picolata, Federal Point, Marianna, Daytona, St. Stephen's Jacksonville, Fulton, Hibernia and Green Cove Springs have been supplied, yet we have to mourn over

the fact that Sanford, Bartow, Orange Lake, Hawthorne, Melrose, Fort Meyers, remain unsupplied. We need a man badly at Fort Meyers, to work Fort Meyers and Trabue. Another at Manatee, to work the places around it. Another at Bartow to work at Bartow and Lakeland. In another year we shall need a priest at Sutherland, on the Gulf coast. But I will not burden you with our wants. Perhaps these are burdens which the Missionary Committee ought to carry. I merely mention these things to show you how earnestly we ought to work to accomplish the task which is before us. Beside, we have a large colored population to care for, and I am sure we must take care of the colored people. It would seem as though the Lord has laid this task upon us specially. The Church with its ornate ritual, with its wise provisions of government, with its adaptability to all estates of men, is constantly attracting the colored people more and more as they become educated. More and more are they reaching out to us. Shall we take the extended hand? St. Paul went to help those who asked Him to come and help them. Pardon me for speaking strongly, but the case seems to demand strong language. I believe the Church is on trial to-day. Whenever the Church has failed in her duty GOD has raised up men to do what she has neglected. By our lethargy shall we be the cause of schism and heresy? The responsibility is a great one. We have need to be aroused to wake up to our duty. To put our hand to the plow. To work with our might. We are specially favored in the Diocese of Florida in one respect, we are of one mind and one heart on most of the subjects which are exercising the minds of some of our brethren, and the subject of Church extension among the colored people, in other Dioceses. Besides, we have the earnest co-operation of a number of earnest people of the Bahama Islands who have been trained in the Church from their infancy. The Diocese of Florida seems specially favored in her opportunities for pressing the work of the Church among the colored people. Shall we undertake it in real earnest, shall we give the same time and care to the work among the colored people that we do to the work among the whites? The burden is upon us, the trial is at hand. May God help us to do our duty!

I wish to call to your attention the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese. It is the most important organization that we have in the Diocese. Without it our Missionary work would be almost at a standstill. The Diocese owes to this organization its present Missionary position. What can be said of the noble work of the noble women of

this organization! We can never be sufficiently thankful and grateful for all they have done. In the most discouraging time during the past year this Society kept our Missionary fund in a condition which enabled us to pay our Missionary obligations. Every Priest and every Layman of the Diocese ought to give this Society his most cordial and earnest support. We ought to aid these self-sacrificing and earnest women in every manner possible. I cannot help feeling that the importance of this organization has not been fully appreciated by the Diocese at large. When you hear the report of this Society, and learn what they have done with only a partial support by the Clergy and Laity, I think you will see how helpless we would be without their assistance. I do hope the members of this Council will go to their homes with the determination to aid and support the Woman's Auxiliary to the utmost of their power.

I wish to ask your consideration of the subject of providing for the preservation of the records of the Diocese. The Canon declares that a record shall be kept of all the transactions of the Council, but the Diocese has not provided for the transcribing of the minutes of the Council in a proper record book. To lay this burden upon the Secretary seems unjust. Yet we are a corporate body, and are constantly dealing with the sale and encumbering of property and we ought to have a book of minutes duly certified which can be used in court should the necessity arise. At present our deeds, the deeds to our property, are carefully placed in a safe in Fernandina through the kindness of Mr. Swann. But it seems proper that the Diocese should have its own safe, and its own depository for its records and papers.

I commend to your consideration the report of the Rev. C. S. Snowden, Principal of the St. James Academy, at Macclenny. I have taken the trouble to make diligent inquiry concerning the management, discipline and instruction, and find them in every respect satisfactory and commendable. That indefinable tone which we recognize, feel, and appreciate in this school, is such as to make all who enter the portals of the institution feel they are better for having been there. At present it is the only Diocesan school and should have the support of the Clergy and Laity. The plan of the school is one which ought to make it attractive, and which certainly fills up a long felt want. The design of the school is to give a good education to girls at the lowest possible cost. This means sacrifice on the part of the teachers, especially on the part of the Principal. When I tell you all expenses are covered, unless it be an extra for drawing and

music, in the meagre tuition fee of twelve dollars a month, you will appreciate that the ladies of culture and refinement, and the principal, who give their time and attention to the training of the scholars, are not working for money but for the love of Christ. The school will make its own way, but you can advance its interest and the interest of the Church at large, by advertising its worth and presenting its claims. I have never visited an institution of learning where a more refined lovely Christian spirit was manifested. A boarding school for girls where a good education may be had at a small cost, has long been needed to meet the emergencies of the times. I hope you will do all you can to contribute to the success of the institution.

A report from the trustees of the Auburndale College will also be presented.

Since last we met, the call has come to two of our most prominent clergy, and now the earth holds the mortal remains of those who once adorned the Councils of the Church, and impressed their influence upon the struggling and weak, and held the cross before the eyes of the world with a manliness, faithfulness and gentleness, which made those who had eyes to see exclaim, truly Christ reigneth. I need hardly tell you to whom I refer. The Rev. Owen P. Thackara and the Rev. Eleazer Roote.

Mr. Thackara is so well known there is nothing which I can say which will add to your knowledge of his worth and his merit. I would not be human, however, did I not pay a tribute to this departed Christian hero. Born in Philadelphia in 1819, he was reared at a time when the Church stood accused of disloyalty, and was still laboring under the accusation of disloyalty, formalism and lethargy. It may be this taunt struck deep into his heart. He was a man of refined sensibilities, of deep earnest spirit, full of energy and zeal. It is easy to understand living in that city where, formerly, Quakerism decried everything which would not put on the ostentatious spirit appearance of sanctimonious simplicity, that a man of his temperament and disposition should have felt keenly such a charge. After graduating at the Alexandria Seminary his first work was at Herkimer New York, where as a Missionary he labored zealously for some years. The Church in Georgia at this time was struggling for an existence. Her clergy had been driven away by the war, much of her property had been lost, her pulpits were deserted and many of her children had lost their faith. Poor and without shepherds to guide the flock, she presented a most deplorable aspect. This condition however appealed to the

earnest spirit of Mr. Thackara, and he went where his zeal, wisdom and culture were much needed. So modest was he that he labored to hide his work, and now only a few remain to tell of his ceaseless journeyings and tender care for the heart broken few. His labors, however, have been richly rewarded, and though his name is known only to a few, yet his works live. Other men have been inspired by his example, and the Church in Georgia can to-day count many who are following in his footsteps. In 1857 he removed to Florida and took charge of the Church at St. Augustine. In the month of June in that year he organized the Parish of St. Peter's, in Fernandina. He remained in St. Augustine till the fall of 1859, when he assumed the rectorship of the Parish which he had organized in Fernandina. Growing up when the results of the revolution were still marring the fair name of the Church, he was destined to have his hopes rudely dashed to the ground, to become a central figure in times when men were tested and their faith strained. Soon after the beginning of the late war the Rector and his people were driven to take refuge in the interior of the State. For four long years he lived as best he could, laboring constantly to keep alive the Church, and to minister to the many wants of her children. At last the war came to an end. The health of Bishop Rutledge was sadly shattered and he had become well nigh helpless. It would appear as though the Lord, in His wise Providence, had sent Mr. Thackara here to be on hand when the crisis came. His wide experience enabled him to deal with the many difficult problems which presented themselves at this time, and his earnestness gave hope to the dejected, encouraged the weak, and increased the faith of those who were looking up to Heaven for comfort in their misery. We can almost hear him say, as he went from place to place seeking to bring together the scattered fragments of the Church, peace child, wait for the manifestation of God! Through his self-sacrificing efforts he reorganized the parishes of St. Augustine and Jacksonville, and prepared them to call Rectors. Then he returned to his old parish at Fernandina, and reorganized it, and remained with it, in spite of tempting offers to go elsewhere, till the day of his death, August 21, 1887. Persevering and gentle, determined and faithful, true and unflinching, he was ever foremost to help, like St. Paul never without hope, keeping himself at the foot of the cross, he was always ready to cheer others with the light of the cross. In the fullness of faith, in perfect resignation of spirit with the light from the throne of the crowned Christ shining full upon him, he passed

into the other world, Hoping like Abraham against hope, living a life of faith, setting an example of holiness, he was a blessing to his fellows.

The Rev. Eleazer Roote, late Rector Emeritus of Trinity Church, St. Augustine, died on the 25th day of July last, in his eighty-seventh year. Three years ago he resigned the Rectorship, owing to his many and increasing infirmities, and the Vestry, after passing some complimentary resolutions, elected him Rector Emeritus. He was over three score and ten when he was ordained Priest. He was a well trained man, however, and what might have been a foolish undertaking in another, was in his case a wise and righteous step. His genial, gentle, sweet manners made him always acceptable. His quiet, determined, unassuming personality, carried force and aggressive power. Trained as a lawyer he was accustomed to speaking and acquainted with human nature. He was born in Canaan, New York, March 6, 1802. He graduated at William's College, Massachusetts, in 1821. He was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of New York in 1824. He practiced in New York State until 1830, when the condition of his health compelled him to seek a milder climate. From this time he seems to have devoted much of his time to education, and became prominent by his many important works in advancing the cause of education. To him the organization of the public schools in Texas is due. It was through his energy and efforts that the State University of Texas was established. In Wisconsin he organized and put into practical working the public school system of the State. Twice was he elected Superintendent of Public Instruction in that State, and once, after the expiration of his second term in office, was elected to the Senate, where he manifested the same zeal in caring for the education of the youth of the country. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Robertson, of Missouri, after he had attained his sixtieth year. After laboring in the Diocese of Missouri for some time, he found it necessary to move to a warmer climate, and came to Florida. Here he engaged in Missionary work for a time, and was elected Rector of Trinity Church, St. Augustine, in 1874. The greater part of his life was spent outside of this Diocese, and while he was not as generally known in Florida as Mr. Thackara, there was much about him which reminded you of the great Missionary. Always gentle and considerate, always firm and faithful, always ready to sacrifice himself for the cause of Christ. He was a good lawyer, a prominent instructor, a faithful Priest. Afflicted and distressed in the latter years of his

life he never complained, but bore his trials with that Christian resignation which marks the saints of God. In the loss of these two Priests the Diocese has suffered the breaking of many links with the past. Though for some time they have been absent from the Councils of the Diocese, yet the knowledge that they still lived and watched over the labors of the Church of God in this State, had its influence upon the minds and hearts of those who had listened to their words, and had felt the impress of their characters. Their memories will long be cherished by the faithful, and long will their influence be felt.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

May 4. Holy Trinity, Gainesville. Confirmed 1.

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May 7. Holy Trinity, Gainesville. Ordained Rev. Messrs. William Dodd, and J. S. Beakman, Deacons; also the Rev. C. E. MacDougall, Priest.

May 7. Received notice of the deposition, for causes not affecting moral character, of the Rev. Samuel R. Bailey, Priest of the Diocese of Connecticut.

May 8. St. Philip's, Jacksonville. Preached.

May 9. Visited Arlington. Confirmed 4, and baptized 2 children.

May 11. Visited Holly Hill.

May 12. Visited Port Orange.

May 15. Trinity Church, Orange Lake. Preached, confirmed 8, and addressed the class.

May 19. In the morning. St. John's, Jacksonville. Celebrated Holy Communion.

May 19. Our Saviour, Mandarin. Preached in the afternoon, confirmed 8 and addressed the class.

May 22. Christ Church, Cedar Key. Preached in the morning; preached in the afternoon, confirmed 6 and addressed the class.

May 29. Grace Church, Ocala. Preached in the morning; preached in the afternoon, confirmed 23 and addressed the class.

June 1. Attended meeting of the Colored Commission, Washington, D. C.

June 7. Received notice of the voluntary renunciation of the

sacred ministry by the Rev. T. K. Eddy, Priest of the Diocese of Quincy.

June 8. Attended meeting of the Board of Managers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, New York.

June 12. Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, Ga. Preached in the morning. In the afternoon took part in the service in the same Church.

June 19. Church of Our Saviour, Fulton. Preached in the morning and confirmed 14; preached in the afternoon and confirmed 1.

June 21. Gave consent to the election of the Rt. Rev. William Forbes Adams, retired Missionary Bishop, to the Diocese of Easton.

June 26. St. Philip's, Jacksonville. Preached and confirmed 2, and made an address to the class.

July 3. Christ Church, Savannah. Preached in the morning. In the afternoon held service in the same Church.

July 7. Attended meeting of the *Church and Home Committee*.

July 10. Lloyds. In the morning preached and confirmed 4.

July 10. St. Mary's, Madison. Preached in the evening and confirmed 3, and addressed the class.

July 14. Holy Comforter, Crescent City. Preached and confirmed 4, and made an address to the class.

July 15. Visited Orlando.

July 17. St. Philip's, Jacksonville. Preached in the morning and evening.

July 24. Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, Ga. Preached in the morning, and took part in the service in the afternoon.

July 30. Attended the meeting of the Trustees of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

July 31. St. Augustine's Chapel, Sewanee, Tenn. Took part in the service.

August 1. Attended meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

August 2. Attended meeting of the trustees of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

August 5. Buried Rev. O. P. Thackara, Priest of the Diocese of Florida, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. R. H. Weller, C. M. Sturges, G. B. Sturges, J. R. Bicknell and B. G. White.

August 9. Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, Ga. Took part in the service in the morning. In the afternoon confirmed one in same Church.

August 11. Received notice that the election of the Rt. Rev. William Forbes Adams to the Diocese of Easton was duly ratified and approved by a majority of the Bishops and Standing Committees.

August 11. In the afternoon laid corner stone of the new Church of St. Andrew's, Jacksonville.

August 14. In the morning, at St. John's, Jacksonville. Preached.

August 14. In the afternoon, at St. Paul's-by-the-Sea, Pablo Beach. Made opening address.

August 21. Christ Church, Macon. In the morning, preached, confirmed 19, and addressed the class. In the afternoon of the same day I confirmed two in private. In the evening of the same day I preached in Christ Church.

August 25. St. John's, Jacksonville. Officiated at the marriage of the Rev. B. G. White and Miss Mary Cassiday.

August 28. Trinity Apalachicola. At six in the morning I celebrated the Holy Communion. At 10:30 I preached to a large congregation. Immediately after morning service I baptized an adult at the request of the Rector. In the afternoon of the same day I addressed the children of the Sunday-school. Immediately after the Sunday-school service, I baptized at request of the Rector, four children. At the evening service I preached, confirmed fourteen, and made an address to the class.

September 4. Christ Church, Pensacola. Morning, preached. At St. Cyprians Mission in the afternoon I held service and preached. In the evening of the same day, I held service and preached in Christ Church.

September 11. St. Philip's, Jacksonville, held service and preached. In the afternoon of the same day preached at St. Andrew's, Jacksonville. In the evening of the same day I preached at St. John's, Jacksonville.

September 17. Received notice of the dismissal of Oscar R. Ebel as a candidate for holy orders of the Diocese of Long Island.

September 18. St. Philip's, Jacksonville, held service and preached in the morning. In the evening held service, assisted the Rev. Mr. Knight and preached.

September 19. Gave Letters Dimissory to the Rev. John Blyman to Diocese of Fond du Lac.

September 25. Church of Good Shepherd, Summerville, Ga. Preached in the morning and took part in the service in the afternoon.

September 27. Received Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Michigan of the Rev. E. L. Turquand, Priest.

September 27. Received and accepted application of Christ Church, Fort Meade, to be organized into a Mission.

October 2. Church of the Atonement Augusta, Ga. Preached in the morning.

October 9. St. Luke's, Darien, Connecticut. Took part in the service in the morning and in the afternoon.

October 11. Providence Rhode Island. Addressed the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese in behalf of the Colored Commission.

October 16. Holy Trinity, Middletown, Connecticut. Preached in behalf of missions. In the afternoon addressed the Sunday-school of the same Church. In the evening I preached at Trinity Church, Portland, Connecticut.

October 17. Portland, Connecticut. Officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Mary C. Rastery.

October 23. Trinity, Hartford. Made an address in behalf of the Colored Commission. In afternoon of the same day took part in the service at the chapel of Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut. In the evening of the same day made an address in behalf of the Colored Commission at Christ Church, Hartford, Connecticut.

October 25. Attended meeting of the Missionary Council, Philadelphia.

October 26. Attended meeting of the Missionary Council, Philadelphia.

October 27. Attended meeting of the House of Bishops, Philadelphia.

October 28. Attended meeting of the House of Bishops, Philadelphia.

October 30. St. Thomas' Church, New Haven, Connecticut. Made an address in behalf of the Colored Commission in the morning. In the afternoon of the same day I preached in St. Luke's Church, in the same place. In the evening of the same day I made an address in behalf of the Colored Commission in St. Paul's Church, New Haven, Connecticut.

November 3. Christ Church, Norwich, Conn. Made an address in behalf of the Colored Commission before the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Connecticut.

November 6. St. John's, Tallahassee. Preached morning and evening.

November 8. Received Letters Dimissory of the Rev. Frederick Towers, Priest of the Diocese of Indiana, and of the Rev. E. M. W. Hills, Priest of the Diocese of Southern Ohio

November 8. Attended meeting of *The Church Year Publishing Company*.

November 10. Received notice of the remission of the sentence of deposition, passed upon the Rev. Christopher T. Denroche, Priest of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Northern Texas.

November 13. St. James' Church, Leesburg. In the morning I preached and confirmed 2. In the evening of the same day I preached in the same place.

November 15. Brooksville. Held service and preached.

November 20. Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, Ga. Preached in the morning, and took part in the service in the evening.

November 24. St. Andrew's, Jacksonville. Preached.

November 27. St. Mary's, Daytona. In the morning I consecrated the Church and preached. In the evening of the same day I preached and confirmed a class of 11 in the same Church.

November 28. Visited Ormond in the morning, and Port Orange in the evening.

November 30. St. John's, Jacksonville. Made an address to the Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, of St. John's and St. Andrew's Parishes.

December 1. Received notice of the deposition, for cause not affecting moral character, from the sacred ministry, of the Rev. John Norris McFarlane, Priest of the Diocese of Missouri.

December 4. St. Thomas' Church, Eustis. Preached and confirmed 6, and made an address to the class in the morning. In the evening I preached in the same Church.

December 6. Received Letters Dimissory of the Rev. J. W. Lee, Priest of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

December 6. St. Mary's, Georgia. In the afternoon preached and confirmed 2.

December 7. Upper Mill on the Satilla. In the morning I preached and confirmed 1. In the evening I preached and confirmed 2 at the Lower Mill.

December 8. St. James', Hamilton, St. Simon's Island. In the afternoon confirmed one. The same evening I preached and confirmed 1 at St. Ignatius, Jewtown.

December 9. Christ Church, Fredrica. In the morning confirmed 1.

December 9. St. Andrew's, Darien, Ga. In the afternoon preached and confirmed 4.

December 10. St. Cyprians, Darien, Ga. Preached and confirmed 2.

December 11. St. Mark's, Brunswick. In the morning preached and confirmed 4. In the afternoon preached in St. Athanasius and confirmed 8.

December 12. Waycross. Preached and administered the Holy Communion in the morning.

December 12. Blackshear. Preached in the afternoon and confirmed 5.

December 13. Valdosta. In the morning preached and consecrated the Church.

December 13. Bainbridge. Preached in the afternoon and confirmed 2.

December 14. Bainbridge. Preached and consecrated the Church.

December 15. Ogeechee Mission. Preached and confirmed 6.

December 15. St. Augustine's, Savannah. Preached in the afternoon.

December 16. Sylvania, Ga. Preached in the afternoon and confirmed 7.

December 17. Sylvania, Ga. Preached and consecrated the Church.

December 18. St. Stephen's, Savannah. Preached.

December 25. St. John's, Jacksonville. Preached.

December 26. Gave consent to the consecration of Rev. Abiel Leonard to the Episcopate of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Nevada and Utah. And also of the Rev. James S. Johnston to the Episcopate of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Western Texas.

December 28. St. Luke's, Orlando. Preached and confirmed 14 and addressed the class.

December 30. All Saints', Winter Park. Preached.

December 31. Christ Church, Longwood. Held service.

January 1. All Saints', Enterprise. Preached in the morning and confirmed one.

January 1. Orange City. In the afternoon I preached.

January 2. Visited Titusville.

January 4. Seville. Held service and preached.

- January 5. Emmanuel, Welaka. Held service and preached.
- January 6. St. Matthew's, San Mateo. Preached and celebrated the Holy Communion.
- January 7. St. Andrew's, Jacksonville. Preached and ordained Mr. W. S. S. Atmore, Deacon.
- January 8. St. Paul's, Federal Point. Preached morning and evening.
- January 10. St. Mary's, Green Cove Springs. Preached.
- January 11. St. Margaret's, Hibernia. Preached.
- January 13. St. Stephen's, Jacksonville. Preached.
- January 15. Our Saviour, Fulton. Preached morning and evening.
- January 17. St. John's, Tallahassee. Preached and confirmed five.
- January 18. St. John's, Tallahassee. Preached at the opening of the Special Council.
- January 19. Consecrated St. John's Church, Tallahassee, and attended meeting of the Special Council.
- January 19. Received Letters Dimissory of the Rev. Joseph E. Julian, Priest of the Diocese of Ohio.
- January 20. Tallahassee. Confirmed one in private.
- January 22. Holy Trinity, Gainesville. Celebrated the Holy Communion at 7 a. m.; confirmed 4 and made an address; at 10:30 a. m. preached in the same Church; at 3:30 p. m. celebrated Holy Communion, confirmed 6, and addressed the class at Sutherland; 7 p. m. Preached in Holy Trinity, Gainesville.
- January 27. St. Paul's, Key West. Made an address to the communicants of the Parish and to the class for confirmation.
- January 29. St. Paul's, Key West. Preached in the morning and consecrated the Church. In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed one in private.
- January 29. St. Paul's, Key West. In the afternoon, preached and confirmed 23.
- February 1. Attended a meeting of the Vestry of St. John's, Key West.
- February 2. St. Paul's, Key West. Took part in the service. In the evening of the same day attended meeting of the Vestry of St. Peter's Church.
- February 3. Cuban Colored Mission, Key West. Preached by means of an interpreter.
- February 5. St. Paul's, Key West. In the morning preached and confirmed 2. In the afternoon of the same day addressed the

Sunday-school of St. Peter's, Key West, and held service and preached. In the evening of the same day, held service and confirmed 15 colored Cubans. Immediately after this service, I held another at St. John's, preached and confirmed 20 Cubans.

February 9. St. Bartholomew's, Pinellas. Preached.

February 10. St. Andrew's, Tampa. Preached and confirmed 5, and addressed the class.

February 12. Auburndale. In the morning, preached and confirmed 1. In the afternoon preached at the same place.

February 14. Officiated at the marriage of Captain John Bransford to Miss Lizzie F. Baker, Summerville, Ga.

February 15. Washington, Ga. Preached and confirmed 2.

February 18. Received notice of the deposition, for causes not affecting the moral character, of the Rev. Henry Amos L. Peabody, Deacon, Diocese of Arkansas, and of the Rev. James Davies, Priest of the Diocese of Maine, and of the Rev. William Loundsberry Marks, Deacon of the Diocese of Connecticut; and of the Rev. Robert T. Pearson, Priest of the Diocese of Long Island.

February 19. St. Marks, Palatka. In the morning preached and confirmed 6 and addressed the class for confirmation. In the afternoon, at St. Philip's, Palatka, preached and confirmed six and addressed the class.

February 21. Melbourne, preached and confirmed 2.

February 22. Visited Mico.

February 23. Visited Fort Pearce.

February 24. Visited Eden.

February 26. Lake Worth. Held service assisted by the Rev. Mr. Carpenter and preached to a large congregation.

February 29. Visited Georgiana, Cocoa, and Courtney.

March 4. Trinity, Thonotosassa. Preached and confirmed 8.

March 6. St. Joseph's Bartow. Preached and confirmed 4.

March 7. Visited Trabue.

March 9. Fort Meyers. In the morning held service, preached and baptized 4 children. In the afternoon held service at same place, preached and confirmed 6.

March 10. Trabue. Baptized 2 children.

March 11. Christ Church, Fort Meade. Preached in the morning. In the afternoon preached, confirmed 6, and addressed the class.

March 13. Tarpon Springs. Preached and confirmed 2.

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and preached in the morning. In the evening preached and confirmed 9.

9. After the service confirmed 11 at St. James.

April 18 St. Luke's Marianna. Preached Holy Communion.

April 18 In the evening St. James Lake City. Preached and confirmed 2.

April 19 Holy Trinity Jamezville. Preached and confirmed 1.

April 22 St. James Church Marianna. Preached and confirmed 14 in the morning. In the evening preached and confirmed 1 at same place.

April 24 Orlando. Attended meeting of the Trustees of the Florida Diocesan College.

April 25 St. Stephen's Jacksonville. Preached and confirmed 1.

April 29. In the morning, Good Shepherd, Jacksonville. Preached confirmed 3 and addressed the class.

April 29. In the evening, St. John's, Jacksonville. Preached, confirmed 21, addressed the class.

March 14. St. James', Clear Water Harbor. Preached and confirmed 3.

March 15. Dunedin. Preached.

March 17. All Saints, Huntington. Preached and confirmed 5.

March 18. Grace Church, Ocala. In the morning preached. In the afternoon preached and confirmed 9.

March 20. St. James', Zellwood. Preached and confirmed 6.

March 22. St. Edward's, Lane Park. Preached and confirmed 1.

March 25. St. Peter's, Fernandina. Preached and confirmed 9 in the morning. In the evening preached at the same Church.

March 26. Received notice of the termination of the sentence of deposition of the Rev. Samuel Reed Day Bailey, Priest of the Diocese of Connecticut.

March 26. Received notice of the deposition, for causes not affecting moral character, of the Rev. William G. McKinney, Deacon of the Diocese of North Carolina.

March 28. St. Paul's, Federal Point. Ordained the Rev. J. S. Beakman to the priesthood.

March 29. St. John's, Jacksonville. Celebrated Holy Communion.

March 30. St. Andrew's, Jacksonville. Preached.

April 1. St. John's Jacksonville, 6:30 in the morning, celebrated the Holy Communion. St. Andrew's, 11 in the morning preached and confirmed 6. At 4 in the afternoon in St. Andrew's Church, addressed the Sunday-schools of St. John's and St. Andrew's. At 7:30 in the evening, St. Philips. Preached.

April 5. Attended meeting of the Colored Commission Washington, D. C.

April 8. Christ Church, Pensacola. Preached in the morning. In the afternoon of same day preached at St. Cyprian's Mission. In the evening, preached and confirmed 19 at Christ Church.

April 10. St. John's, Warrington. Celebrated Holy Communion, confirmed 3, and addressed the class.

April 12. Bluff Springs. Held service and preached.

April 13. Bluff Springs. Celebrated Holy Communion and preached.

April 15. St. Mary's, Milton. Celebrated Holy Communion and preached in the morning.

April 15. St. Mary's, Milton. In the evening, preached and confirmed 3.

April 17. St. Luke's, Marianna. Celebrated Holy Communion

and preached in the morning. In the evening preached and confirmed 9. After the service I confirmed 1 in private in Marianna.

April 18. St. Luke's, Marianna. Celebrated Holy Communion.

April 18. In the evening' St. James', Lake City. Preached and confirmed 6.

April 19. Holy Trinity, Gainesville. Preached and confirmed 3.

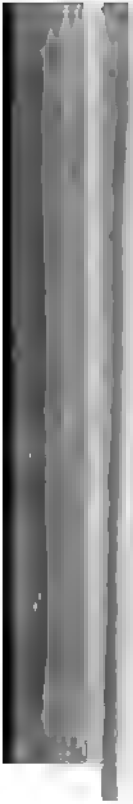
April 22. St. James Chapel Macclenny. Preached and confirmed 14 in the morning. In the evening, preached, and confirmed 2 at same place.

April 24. Orlando. Attended meeting of the Trustees of the Florida Diocesan College.

April 25. St. Stephen's, Jacksonville. Preached and confirmed 1.

April 29. In the morning, Good Shepherd, Jacksonville. Preached, confirmed 3 and addressed the class.

April 29. In the evening, St. John's, Jacksonville. Preached, confirmed 21, addressed the class.



APPENDIX B.

STANDING RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business each day shall be introduced by prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the chair.
3. The order of business in the Council shall be as follows: 1st. The appointment of a President, if there be no Bishop, or if the Bishop is absent. 2d. The appointment of a Secretary by ballot. 3d. The appointment of the Standing Committees of the Council, viz: Committee on the State of the Church, Committee on Canons, Committee on Finance, Committee on Unfinished Business, Committee on Christian Education, and Special Committees. 4th. The Annual Address of the Bishop, if there be one and he be present, or be absent and transmit his address. 5th. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 6th. Reports from Committees of the Council. 7th. Reports from the Treasurer. 8th. Reports from Committees appointed at the last Council. 9th. The election, by ballot, of a Treasurer, of a Registrar, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, of a Finance Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or present any matter to the Council, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall absent himself from the sittings of the Council unless he have leave or be unable to attend.
6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the Council.
7. The Council shall vote by orders, whenever one clergyman or the deputation from one Parish may require it.
8. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the Journal.

9. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the Council, and shall not be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Council; *provided always*, that any member of the Council voting in the majority may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move a reconsideration of said vote.

10. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Council, unless seconded, and, if required, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

11. When a motion is under consideration no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

13. Every member who shall be present when the question is put shall vote, unless excused by the Council.

14. When the Council is about to arise, or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the chair.

15. The foregoing rules shall be read by the Secretary at the opening of every Council, immediately after prayer.

APPENDIX C.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

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THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The Church in the Diocese of Florida, recognizes, accedes to and adopts, the General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a Council of the Church in this Diocese held annually on the first Wednesday in May, at such place as may be fixed by the preceding Council. There shall be required the presence of ten Clergymen and lay representatives from six parishes for the transaction of any business, but a less number may adjourn from day to day. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese may change the time or place, or both, of the meetings of the Council in case of the prevalence of an epidemic or for other sufficient cause, and may call a special Council whenever necessary.

ARTICLE III.

The Council shall be composed of such Clergymen as are canonically settled in any parish of the Diocese, also of Missionaries officiating under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese; also of Clergymen employed as instructors in any seminary of learning in the Diocese; also of Chaplains in the Army or Navy of the United States; *provided* that such Chaplains and Instructors shall have been actually and canonically resident in this Diocese at least six months previous to the meeting of the Council; also of lay deputies not exceeding four from each parish, chosen by the vestry or congregation thereof, and one lay deputy from each organized mission elected by the officers thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Council shall be opened with celebration of the Holy Communion, and a sermon delivered by a preacher appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority. In the absence of the Bishop, the Council shall elect a President. The Council shall elect annually a Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar, and such other officers as may be necessary, who shall continue in office until their successors are duly appointed.

It shall also from time to time enact Canons for the government of the Diocese, and adopt Rules of Order for its own direction, which, when once settled by the Council shall be Standing Rules, and continue in force until specially repealed.

ARTICLE V.

Each member, Clerical and Lay, of the Council, shall be entitled to one vote, unless the deputation of one Parish, or some one Clerical member shall call for a vote by Orders, in which case the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately, each Clergyman and the deputation of each Parish being severally entitled to one vote; and the deputation from each organized Mission being severally entitled to one-fourth of a vote; and the concurrence of a majority of both Orders shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

ARTICLE VI.

The election of a Bishop of this Diocese shall be had in Council, in the manner following: The Order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot some fit and qualified Priest for that office; and if their appointment be approved by the Lay Order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above-mentioned appointment and election, a majority of each Order shall determine a choice; *provided*, that two-thirds of all the Clergy in the Diocese entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the Parishes entitled to vote be represented in the Council; otherwise a majority of two-thirds of each Order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE VII.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall consist of three Clergymen and three Laymen; who, besides the duties prescribed in Digest of the General Canons, shall perform such other duties as the Council of the Diocese may from time to time, appoint.

ARTICLE VIII.

Alterations in this Constitution shall be made as follows: A proposition for alteration shall be made in writing, and be read and considered in Council, on three several days; it shall then lie over until the next annual Council; then, if approved by a majority of two-thirds of each Order, voting separately, and by the Bishop, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so ordered shall be valid and obligatory.

THE CANONS.

CANON I.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL.

The Bishop, when present, or in his absence the Priest present who is senior in canonical residence, shall call the Clergy and Deputies to order, and proceed to organize the Council, according to Article IV of the Constitution, and the Standing Rules of Order.

CANON II.

THE ATTENDANCE OF THE CLERGY.

SECTION 1. It is declared to be the duty of every Clergyman entitled to a seat in the Council, to attend every meeting thereof.

SEC. 2. At the opening of each Council a list of the Clergy entitled to seats therein, prepared by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, shall be called over by the Secretary, the absentees noted and these shall be required to give reason for their absence to the Ecclesiastical Authority. But no Clergyman shall take his seat until the report of his Parish or Mission has been made to the Bishop, or if the Diocese be vacant, to the Standing Committee.

SEC. 3. The expenses of the Clergy of Parishes, and of Missions having the same representation as a parish, in attending Council, shall be paid by their respective Parishes and Missions, and the expenses of other Missionaries shall be paid out of the general fund.

CANON III.

OF LAY DEPUTIES.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every Parish and organized Mission in this Diocese to elect Deputies to each Council. The appointment of a Deputy shall be certified in writing, according to

the form following in this Canon, signed by the Rector or Missionary, or by one of the Wardens, or by the Clerk or Secretary of the Parish or Mission which the Deputy represents; otherwise he shall not be received as a member of the Council.

No Deputy shall be entitled to a seat in the Council, unless he be of full age, a communicant in good standing, and a member of the Parish or Mission which he is appointed to represent, and a regular attendant upon the public worship of the Church.

SEC. 2. Form of certificate :

I do hereby certify that at a meeting of [the Vestry, Congregation or officers] of.....held on the.....day of.....A. D.,.....
Messrs.....were duly elected to represent said Church
in the Council of the Diocese of Florida, to be held at.....on the
.....day of.....next, and that they are communicants in good
standing and regular attendants upon public worship of the Church.
Dated.....Signed.....

CANON IV.

OF THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall be chosen by ballot. He shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Council in a minute book kept for the purpose, and such record shall be signed by the presiding officer on the final adjournment of the Council. The Secretary shall transmit to each of the Bishops of the Church, to the Secretaries of the General Convention and of each Diocesan Convention or Council a copy of the Journal, and request of the latter, an exchange. He shall file such documents as may be sent to him, and deliver them to the Registrar, to be preserved for the use of the Diocese. He shall notify each person elected or appointed to any office, or on a committee to act during a recess of the Council, and furnish a certificate of such election or appointment, when necessary. Besides the duties above specified, he shall perform all others usually appertaining to the office of Secretary or that may be enjoined upon him by the Council.

CANON V.

OF THE TREASURER.

A Treasurer of the Diocese shall be elected annually. It shall be his duty to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the

authority of the Council, of which the collection and disbursement shall not be otherwise regulated. He shall forward in due time, to the Treasurer of the General Convention, the amount assessed upon the Diocese for the contingent expenses of the General Convention. His accounts shall be rendered annually to the Council. In case the office of Treasurer shall become vacant, it shall be supplied by the Standing Committee, and the person so appointed shall continue to act until an election is made by the Council. The Treasurer shall give bond in a sum, and with security, satisfactory to the Standing Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may pertain to his office or may be enjoined upon him by the Council.

CANON VI.

OF THE REGISTRAR.

The Council shall annually appoint a Registrar, whose duty it shall be to procure all Journals, Reports, Parish Histories, and other documents which may aid in obtaining and preserving an accurate history of the Church in this Diocese, and provide for the safe and orderly keeping of the same, subject to such regulations as the Council may enact from time to time.

CANON VII.

OF THE CHANCELLOR.

SECTION 1. The Council shall annually appoint some suitable Layman, learned in the law, and a communicant in good standing, who shall be the legal adviser of the Diocese, and of the Parishes thereof, and entitled the Chancellor of the Diocese, and who shall have a seat in the Council.

SEC. 2. The Chancellor shall be consulted as to all conveyances of properties to or from the several Parishes and Missions of the Diocese, and as to all legal claims, rights and privileges of the same.

SEC. 3. The Chancellor shall report to each Annual Council what he has done during the year, and shall also, from time to time, make such recommendations as may seem to him for the best interests of the Diocese.

SEC. 4. Until further action of the Council, all deeds of property shall be in the custody of the Bishop of the Diocese, who will at each Annual Council present a report of all deeds and documents in his possession relating to the Diocese.

CANON VIII.

OF FINANCE.

SECTION 1. The Council shall annually appoint, upon the nomination of the Bishop, if there be one, a Finance Committee consisting of five persons, of whom the Diocesan Treasurer shall be one, and who shall until the next succeeding Council have charge and supervision of the financial affairs of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. The Council shall annually provide for the payment of the Bishop's salary and the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

CANON IX.

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Council shall triennially, in the year in which the triennial meeting of the General Convention is to be held, elect by ballot four Priests canonically resident in the Diocese, and four Laymen who are communicants in good standing, and residing in the Diocese, as Deputies to the General Convention. Such Deputies shall be furnished with a certificate of election, signed by the President and Secretary of the Council. Should any of the Deputies elected decline or be unable to serve, they shall communicate the fact to the President of the Standing Committee, who shall summon that body to meet, and supply the vacancy, and furnish the Deputy thus appointed with a certificate of election. If, at the meeting of the General Convention, any Deputy elected by the Council, or as a substitute by the Standing Committee, shall fail to attend, or, after taking his seat, shall obtain leave of absence for the remainder of the session, such vacancy shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining Clerical and Lay Deputies who may be in attendance on said General Convention. No candidate for Holy Orders shall be elected to represent this Diocese in General Convention.

CANON X.

OF ELECTIONS BY THE COUNCIL.

All elections or appointments by the Council shall be by ballot, and any committee so elected shall have power to fill any vacancy which may occur in conformity to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons. If any individual appointed to perform a duty dies or removes from the Diocese, or for any other cause cannot perform his duties, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall supply his place for as long as may be necessary unless otherwise provided for in these Canons.

CANON XI.

OF ORGANIZED PARISHES.

SECTION 1. Any parish may be admitted into union with the Council of the Diocese upon evidence that the parties applying therefor have, for twelve months preceding said application, existed as a Mission of an Organized Parish or as an Organized Mission under Canon XX of the Diocese.

This provision may be dispensed with by unanimous consent of the Council assembled, in which case any parish or mission may be admitted at once upon application without the requirements aforesaid.

SEC. 2. For the organization of a parish thirty communicants of the Church, of whom at least three shall be male communicants, shall assemble at a specified time and place, [due notice having been given at divine service on the two Sundays preceding,] and adopt and sign the Articles of Association prescribed by the Diocese. *Provided*, however, that no such organization shall be had until a specified annual sum towards the salary of the rector and expenses of the parish shall have been guaranteed to the satisfaction of the Bishop and Standing Committee.

Before a new parish be organized within the parochial limits of a parish already in union with this Council, the consent of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of said parish must be applied for, and if not obtained within sixty days appeal may be had to the Bishop, who, acting with and by the consent of the Standing Committee, shall decide in the matter. In all cases the consent of the Bishop must be obtained.

SEC. 3. In every parish there shall be on Easter Monday in each year an election of a Vestry, of which due notice shall be given, to consist of not less than three members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Of this number the Rector shall appoint one to be Senior Warden; the Vestry shall appoint one to be Junior Warden; the Vestry shall also appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, and any other officers who may be deemed necessary. Such Vestry may fill any vacancies which may occur in their number. If from any cause an election should fail to be held on Easter Monday it shall be held within thirty days thereafter, due notice being given two weeks previously at divine service.

SEC. 4. No one shall be elected a Vestryman who is not an adult male, a communicant and of good standing in the parish.

SEC. 5. The parishioners qualified to vote for Vestrymen shall be as follows, and those only :

1. All male communicants of full age, belonging to the parish, in good standing and recognized as such, and who are not at the time under ecclesiastical censure.

2. All baptized male persons of full age, who regularly attend the public services of the Church in the parish, and are recognized as members of the congregation by the Rector and at least one of the Wardens; or if there be no Rector present or presiding, by the Wardens, and who contribute by subscription or otherwise to the funds or expenses of the congregation, and have done so for six months previous to the meeting, and who, in addition, declare themselves conscientiously attached to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the temporal concerns of the parish, and to elect, subject to the approval of the Bishop, a Rector, Minister or Assistant, and to provide for his maintenance, to keep order in the church during divine service, and to act as helpers to the clergy in whatever is appropriate to laymen, for the furtherance of the Church's work. The Senior Warden or in case of his death or absence, the Junior Warden shall provide for the decent celebration of public worship; and in the absence of the Rector [who is *ex officio* president of the Vestry and all parish meetings] call meetings of the Vestry, and preside over the same. Provided, that in the event of the death or absence of both Wardens, then in that case any three members of the Vestry may call meetings of the Vestry.

A Vestry meeting, however, shall be called by the Rector, Senior or

Junior Warden, as the case may be, upon the request of any two of the Vestry at any time.

SEC. 7. Any congregation complying with the provisions of this Canon, may on application in writing, be admitted into union with the Council.

SEC. 8. All Parishes now existing in the Diocese are hereby required to so modify or amend their present Constitution, Articles of Incorporation or Association so as to conform to the provisions of this Canon.

SEC. 9. [See note below.]

CANON XII.

OF THE USE OF CHURCH EDIFICES.

Before any clergyman shall be allowed to officiate in any church or congregation in this Diocese he must first produce his Letters of Orders, or other satisfactory evidence that he is an authorized Minister of this Church, in good standing. Whenever there is a settled Rector or Minister, he shall be the sole judge in the premises; but if the parish is vacant, the Wardens and Vestrymen shall require the fulfillment of the above conditions.

No church in this Diocese shall be used for any but religious purposes.

CANON XIII.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

SECTION 1. The trial of a clergyman in this Diocese, shall be on presentment in writing made to the Bishop, or, if the Episcopate is vacant, to the Standing Committee; in which presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified, and signed by the parties making the presentment.

SEC. 2. The presentment of a clergyman shall be made either by the Wardens and Vestry of the Parish to which the accused belongs, or by two Priests of this Diocese; or by any five laymen of this Diocese, being communicants in good standing.

SEC. 3. In every case of a presentment, a copy of the charge or charges and specifications, together with a citation to appear and

NOTE.--Section 9, relating to decayed or failing parishes, was referred to Committee on Revision to report at the next Council.

answer, shall be served upon the party accused in the manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. The place of trial shall be fixed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese.

SEC. 5. All testimony adduced on the trial shall be in writing, taken on due notice to the parties, by a commissary appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority for that purpose. But this provision shall not prevent the appearing of witnesses, and the hearing of their testimony on the trial, whenever it shall be preferred by either party.

SEC. 6. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided, they are Priests in good standing, or laymen who have been communicants of the Church for at least one year previous to the trial.

SEC. 7. All citations and notices in any Ecclesiastical proceeding, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally, or by leaving a copy thereof at their residences, respectively, the time between the day of service and the day of appearance being not less than twenty days over and above the time ordinarily required to travel to the place of appearance.

SEC. 8. All citations and notices contemplated by this Canon may be served by a summoner or summoners appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority or by the Court, when it is in session. The certificate of such summoner shall be evidence of the service.

SEC. 9. When a presentment is made, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall serve upon the accused a list of five Priests canonically resident in the Diocese. The accused party shall be allowed to strike off two names from said list, and the remaining three shall constitute the court for the trial of the case. If he shall fail or decline to strike off, it shall be done by the Ecclesiastical Authority. No Priest shall be allowed to serve as a member of the court who is of the family or relationship of the accused.

SEC. 10. The court shall elect a president from among its own members, and appoint a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep the minutes of each day's proceedings, which shall be signed by the court. He shall also record the judgment rendered by the Bishop, and deliver the records to the Standing Committee, copies of which, certified by the Secretary of the Committee, shall in all cases be received as evidence of said record and proceedings.

SEC. 11. The concurrence of the majority of the court shall be necessary to find the accused guilty.

SEC. 12. When the defendant appears, he may plead generally "Not Guilty" to all the charges and specifications; or he may admit them to be true, or he may plead "Not guilty" to a part, and admit the residue.

Upon such specifications as are admitted to be true, the Court shall decide whether they amount to an offence or offences canonically presentable, and such specifications as are denied, the Court shall try, and pronounce upon each a verdict of "Guilty," or "Not Guilty."

SEC. 13. Upon the finding of the Court, that the Defendant is guilty on one or more of the specifications; or in case the court is of the opinion that the facts admitted to be true amount to a presentable offence, it shall proceed to suggest to the Bishop what sentence, in its opinion, ought to be inflicted. The Bishop shall pronounce the judgment suggested, *provided always*, that in case of judgment other than degradation, the Bishop may at any time afterwards, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, modify or remit the said sentence.

SEC. 14. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse, or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy; the Bishop shall thereon pass upon him the sentence of suspension from the Ministry. But such sentence may be removed, if the accused shall, within three calendar months, report to the Bishop that he is prepared to undergo trial. If he does not so report, the Bishop shall, at the end of the said three months, pronounce upon him the sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 15. If any Clergyman presented for trial according to the provisions of this Canon, shall attempt to embarrass or stay any of the proceedings above enumerated, by an appeal to a secular Judge, or Court, the charges preferred against him shall be taken as confessed; he shall be considered as "*ipso facto*" suspended from all functions of the Ministry, and sentence passed accordingly; *provided always*, that the Bishop may remove said sentence, on the terms and in the manner provided in Section 14 of this Canon; and if he fail to submit himself within the time therein named, the sentence of degradation shall be pronounced upon him.

SEC. 16. It shall be competent for any Clergyman, against whom rumors injurious to his ministerial character are in circulation, to demand an inquiry into the same, as provided for in Section 2, Canon 2, Title II of the Digest.

CANON XVI.

OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

SECTION 1. There shall be a Diocesan Board of Missions to whom shall be entrusted under the direction of the Bishop such Missionary work as he may confide to them, which Board shall consist of four Clergymen and three Laymen elected annually by the Council on the nomination of the Bishop and of one member from each Convocation of the Diocese.

Each Convocation shall elect its member of said Board at least one month before the next succeeding Council, and his name shall be reported to said Council by the Dean of his Convocation.

In case of failure to elect its member on the part of any Convocation, as above provided, the Dean of said Convocation shall appoint said member and shall report such appointment.

The Board shall organize on the last day of the Session of the Diocesan Council by the election of a President and Secretary.

Any vacancy occurring in the Board from among those members elected by the Council shall be filled by the Board. Any vacancy occurring among the members from the Convocation shall be filled by the Dean of the Convocation from which the vacancy takes place. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

CANON XVII.

OF ARCH-DEACONS.

The Bishop may appoint Arch-Deacons, who shall have oversight of the missionary work of the Diocese in such districts as he may direct. Their duties shall be defined by him and he shall fix their salaries by and with the advice of the Board of Missions.

CANON XVIII.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee before every meeting of the General Convention, to draft with the advice and approbation of the Bishop, [if there be one], a report of the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to that body.

SEC. 2. The Standing Committee shall annually, in addition to a report of its proceedings, present to the Council such documents as have been laid before the Committee during the past year.

CANON XIX.

OF CONVOCATIONS.

SECTION 1. The Diocese shall be divided into five Convocations, which shall be known as the Western, Southern, Middle, Eastern and Key West Convocations, the territorial limits of which shall be fixed by the Bishop within thirty days after the passage of the Canon.

SEC. 2. The Bishop shall appoint, at each Annual Council, a Dean for each Convocation, who shall have been canonically resident in the Diocese and a member of the Convocation for at least one year at the time of his appointment.

SEC. 3. The Dean shall have the power of convening the Clergy and Laity of the Convocation for missionary purposes, at such places and times, not less than twice a year, as he may deem necessary, and shall report the work of his Convocation to the Bishop in writing, prior to each Annual Council.

CANON XX.

OF THE ORGANIZED MISSION.

It shall be competent for any number of adult persons not less than ten, three of whom at least shall be male Communicants who are attached to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and desirous of sustaining its services in any village, town, city or district, to be organized as a Mission.

The following shall be the mode of procedure, with the form and obligations:

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

I. APPLICATION TO THE BISHOP.

Reverend Father in God: We, the undersigned, residents of —, county of —, being desirous of obtaining the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and ready according to our several ability to sustain the same, do hereby request you to inquire into our estate, and provide for us as you may deem proper and expedient.

We do hereby declare ourselves, individually and collectively, ready to do what in us lies to establish and sustain the regular worship of the said Church, and promote its influence in our neighborhood ; and we promise conformity to its doctrines, discipline, liturgy, rites and usages. We put ourselves under your charge and will reverently obey your authority. We promise conformity to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention and of the Diocese of Florida and the rules and regulations of its Council. In accordance with these obligations and rules, we now ask the privilege of being organized as a Mission under the name of ——

Furthermore, we hereby specially stipulate and agree to raise among us and faithfully disburse in accordance with the rules of the Board of Missions, every year, such contribution as may be assumed by us as our minimum toward the stated salary of the Missionary who may be sent to us. And we now agree for the first year to pay in quarterly instalments, the amount at least of —— dollars.

Remaining obediently yours in the Church of God—

This application should be signed by all the adults who purpose to be members of the Mission.

II. OFFICERS OF THE MISSION.

1. The Missionary shall be appointed by the Bishop.

2. If the Bishop consent to the organization of a Mission, he shall appoint, on due consultation, the following officers for the first year, and after that annually in Easter week: Two Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer, however, may be held by the same person.

3. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to procure a room or a house to be used as a place of public worship, to see that the same is kept clean and in good repair, and that it be provided with all things necessary for conducting the services of the Church decently and in order. They shall also provide, under direction of the Missionary, the bread and wine for the Holy Communion; take charge of the communion service, the linen, books, etc., belonging to the Mission; and shall endeavor, in the absence of the Missionary at any time, to keep up the regularity of the services.

4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect or receive all moneys contributed by the Mission; and to disburse them in accordance with the rules of the Board of Missions.

5. It shall be the duty of the Senior Warden to keep a record of

events of importance to the Mission, and a list of its families and members; to have the custody of the register of baptisms, confirmations, etc., in case the Missionary be non-resident, though not to make entries therein except by the Missionary's request or in his absence; and to attend to any correspondence required by or for the Mission.

6. The Missionary, on consultation with the officers, shall appoint the sexton, organist, choir leader, Sunday-school superintendent, and any other helper he may find necessary; but in case there is no Missionary in charge, the right of such appointment shall rest with the officers above named.

III. THE FINANCIAL RELATIONS TO THE BOARD.

1. Every person becoming a member of the Mission, is expected to name a certain sum per week which he will pay towards the support of the Mission, whether it be large or small, "according as GOD has blessed him."

2. Whenever practicable a weekly offertory shall be taken up for the support of the Mission.

3. The title to real estate given to, or purchased by the Mission, or any property acquired by the Mission for Church purposes, shall be vested in "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida."

4. The Mission, duly organized, shall report to the Bishop at the time of the Annual Council, through the Missionary, or, if there be none in charge, through the Wardens, and, as required, to the Board of Missions.

5. The failure of the people of a Mission to fulfill their stipulations shall warrant the Bishop in withdrawing his Missionary and dissolving the organization.

CANON XXI.

OF LAY READER.

Before any person shall officiate as Lay Reader, except in case of emergency, he shall comply with the requirements of Canon 9, Title 1, of the Digest of Canons of the General Convention as follows:

SECTION 1. A Lay Communicant of this Church may receive from the Bishop a written license to conduct the services of the Church in a congregation convened for public worship, as a Lay-Reader; but such license shall not be granted for conducting the service in a congregation without a Minister, which is able, and has had reasonable

opportunity, to secure the services of an ordained Minister. Such license may be given by the Bishop of his own motion, for services in any vacant Parish, Congregation, or Mission; but when a Rector is in charge, his request and recommendation must have been, previously, signified to the Bishop. Such license must be given for a definite period not longer than one year from its date; but it may be renewed from time to time by the Bishop's indorsement to that effect. The license of any Lay-Reader may be revoked at the discretion of the Ecclesiastical Authority.

SEC. 2. A Lay-Reader so licensed shall not act as such in any Diocese other than his own, unless he shall have received another license from the Bishop of the Diocese in which he desires to serve. If he be a student in any Theological Seminary, he shall also obtain the permission of the Presiding Officer of such Institution.

SEC. 3. Every Lay-Reader shall be subject to such regulations as may be presented by the Ecclesiastical Authority. In all matters pertaining to the conduct of the services, and to the Sermons or Homilies to be read, he shall conform to the directions of the Minister in charge of the Parish, Congregation, or Mission, in which he is serving, or where there is no Minister in charge, to the directions of the Bishop. He shall not use the Absolution, nor the Benediction, nor the offices of the Church, except those for the Burial of the Dead, and for visitation of the Sick, and of Prisoners, omitting in these last, the Absolutions and the Benedictions. He shall not deliver sermons of his own composition; but he may deliver addresses, instructions, and exhortations as a Catechist in vacant Parishes, Congregations, or Missions, if he be specially licensed thereto by the Bishop. He shall not assume the dress appropriate to clergymen ministering to the congregation.

CANON XXII.

OF A QUORUM.

In all cases in which a Canon directs a duty to be performed, or a power to be exercised by a Standing Committee, or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any body consisting of several members, a majority of the members, the whole being duly cited to meet, shall be a quorum; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act, unless the contrary be expressly required by the Canon, or some existing Charter.

CANON XXIII.

OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

SECTION 1. The Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese shall constitute an Executive Board, whose duty it shall be to take charge of, manage and control all lands, tenements, hereditaments, money and other things belonging to the Diocese.

SEC. 2. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be President of the Executive Board and of the Corporation.

SEC. 3. The Executive Board shall elect a Secretary, and prescribe his duties. The Treasurer of the Diocese shall be the Treasurer of the Board, and perform all the duties usually pertaining to that office.

SEC. 4. The Executive Board, by a vote of two-thirds of its members, the Bishop consenting, shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered, whenever in their judgment it is deemed best to do so, to encumber, alienate, or otherwise dispose of any of the property of the Church of the Diocese; *provided*—

First, That whenever the Council is sitting, such encumbrances, alienation, or other disposition shall only be made by the express direction and consent of such Council.

Second, That no property dedicated for the worship of God shall be alienated or encumbered without the express sanction of the Council.

Third, That no property used for parochial purposes shall be at any time alienated or encumbered without the written application or consent of the constituted authorities of the parish.

Fourth, That the Executive Board shall at all times be subject to the direction of the Diocese in council assembled, as to the exercise of the authority hereby vested in said Board.

SEC. 5. All deeds, mortgages and conveyances of property shall be signed by the Bishop, and attested by the Secretary of the Board, with the corporate seal of the Diocese attached.

SEC. 6. The Executive Board is hereby authorized to adopt such other and further rules and regulations as to the time and place of meeting of the Board, and the conduct of the business affairs of the Diocese under their control, as to them may seem for the best interests of the Church, *provided* that the same be not repugnant to the provisions of this Canon or of the Act of the Legislature of the State of Florida, approved February 10th, 1838, and the amendments thereto.

SEC. 7. It shall not be lawful for any Parish, or the corporate officers or congregation thereof, to encumber, sell, alienate, transfer or convey any real property, the title to which is held by and for the use of the Parish, without the written consent of the Executive Board.

CANON XXIV.

Every minister of this Church shall keep a register of baptisms, confirmations, communicants, marriages and funerals, within his cure, and report at every annual Council to the Bishop, stating the number of services held and official acts performed by him from Easter to Easter.

CANON XXV.

OF ALTERATIONS.

No proposed alteration of, or addition to, these Canons shall be considered by the Council, unless at least one day's notice thereof in writing be given in open Council; nor except by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to and reported upon by a committee. No alteration or addition shall be adopted during the same Council in which it is proposed, if two-thirds of the Council do not concur therein.

CANON XXVI.

REPEALING CLAUSE.

All former Canons of the Diocese of Florida not included in these Canons are hereby repealed.

APPENDIX D.

FORM FOR ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION IN ORGANIZING A PARISH.

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desirous of enjoying the privileges of religious worship and instruction for ourselves and families, according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, being assembled for that purpose, after due notice, on the———day of———Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and———do form ourselves into a Congregation and Parish, and, by virtue of the authority given by the Laws of the State of Florida, now in force in regard to religious societies and corporations, do adopt the following Articles of Association, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

This Association or Congregation shall be known by the name of "The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of———Church at———," and by this name and style, as a body corporate, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and may have perpetual succession, and a common seal.

ARTICLE II.

This Association acknowledges, accedes to and adopts, and shall at all times adhere to, the Doctrines, Discipline and Worship, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and likewise the Constitution and Canons of said Church, as set forth in the General Convention and by the Council of the Diocese of Florida.

ARTICLE VI.

No person shall be chosen Rector or Minister, or Associate Rector or Minister of ——— Church, or be allowed to exercise any of the functions of the sacred Ministry of the same, unless he shall be recognized by the Bishop having charge of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee of the same, as an ordained Minister of this Church, or of any Church in common union therewith, in good standing; *provided*, that nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent the Wardens and Vestry from inviting any regularly ordained Minister of the Church, in good standing, and not known to be discountenanced by the authority aforesaid, to officiate, occasionally, in the Church, in the vacancy of the Rectorship, or absence of the Rector; or to interfere with the performance of the usual service of lay-readers, duly appointed to officiate in the Congregation, or in the absence of the Minister.

ARTICLE VII.

The Rector of this Church being ex-officio President of the Vestry, may call a meeting of the same, or of all the corporation, at any time in his discretion, and it shall be his duty to convoke the Vestry, upon the written request of one Warden and two Vestrymen. Should the Rector, on account of disagreement with the Vestry, or from any other cause whatever, refuse to act upon such written request, the Senior Warden shall have power to do this; though no action of the Wardens and Vestrymen, which is had under these circumstances, shall be valid, unless by vote of three-fourths of the same, in meeting assembled; *provided*, that nothing in this article shall be so construed as to contravene the authority given to the Bishop in all cases of differences between Ministers and their congregations, in the Canons of the General Convention in such case made and provided.

ARTICLE VIII.

The annual rents, contributions, and other revenues, raised by this Association or Congregation, shall be, from time to time, applied by the Wardens and Vestry to the maintenance and support of the Rector or Minister, and such other objects as are connected with the well-being of the Church, and to no other purpose or purposes whatever.

ARTICLE IX.

This Association, or a Rector, Wardens and Vestry of ——— Church, or other persons, in whose name the property of said Church may be vested, shall not, by deed or by any other means, without the consent of the Bishop having charge of the Diocese, under his hand, or, if there be no such Bishop, of the Standing Committee of the said Diocese, by a majority thereof, under their hands, previously had and obtained, grant, alien or otherwise dispose of, any lands, messuages, or hereditaments in them vested, for the use and benefit of said Church, nor charge or encumber the same, to any person whomsoever.


ARTICLE X.

These Articles of Association may be amended, altered, or abolished, in the following manner, or mode, and no other; that is to say: every proposition for amending, altering, or abolishing any of the said articles, shall be submitted in writing, and spread upon the Journal, or Record Book of the Vestry, at a regular annual meeting of the Congregation, on Easter Monday, and if, at the next annual meeting, the said proposition shall be agreed to by three-fourths of the voters then present, it shall be deemed a part of the Articles of Association, and shall be entered upon the Record Book of the Vestry accordingly.

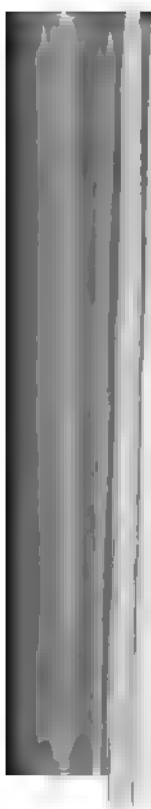
ARTICLE XI.

In the case of the dissolution or extinction of this Association, for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estates, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.



 The FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COUNCIL of the Diocese of Florida, will meet in St. Peter's Church, Fernandina, on the first Wednesday in May, 1896.

R. H. WELLER, SECRETARY.



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